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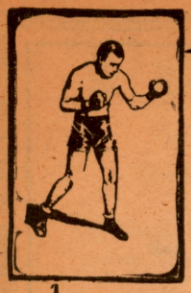

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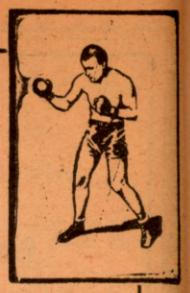

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So many pleasing reports have been received from men in the service on this feature, that we will continue it through the new year.

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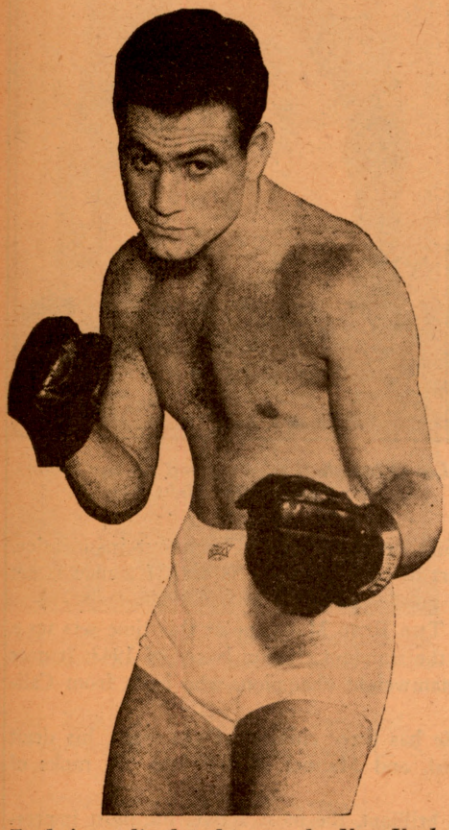


Fred Apostoli when he won the New York version of the world middleweight championship.

BOXING in these United States stands at the climax of a second year of total war. Unquestionably, the greatest ring performers the world over are men who, because they are in armies and navies, in air forces and in submarines, lack the opportunities for open competition.

THE RING wishes to make its deepest obeisance to these boxers in the uniforms of the United Nations. It desires to acknowledge the tremendous debt which the sport owes to them. They are making a glorious record, far beyond that of the representatives of any other professional sport.

These men in uniform create for THE RING Magazine, in its nineteenth annual ranking of the boxers of the world, a most serious dilemma.

Each year THE RING has taken extreme pains to emphasize the fact that the ratings were compiled not on mere belief, not on estimates of reputation, not on imagination, not on conjecture, but on ACTUAL PERFORMANCE THROUGH THE YEAR.

Once again THE RING wishes to make that stipulation quite clear. It must be clearer than ever.

A rating which is based on belief, on imagination, on past reputations, is not worth the paper on which it is printed.

Last year some of the boxing critics around the country took issue with THE RING because the ratings failed to concede top places to boxers who were in the service, and who had done no commercial boxing during the year.

Some of the more vehement critics, who had failed to read the text accompanying the ratings, held that THE RING had set up penalties for patriotism.

But it had been explained, as explicitly as now is stressed, in as plain English as the editor hopes he now frames these sentences, the ratings of any year are based on actual performances.

Most definitely, there is not another heavyweight in the world who could stand up against either Joe Louis or Billy Conn.

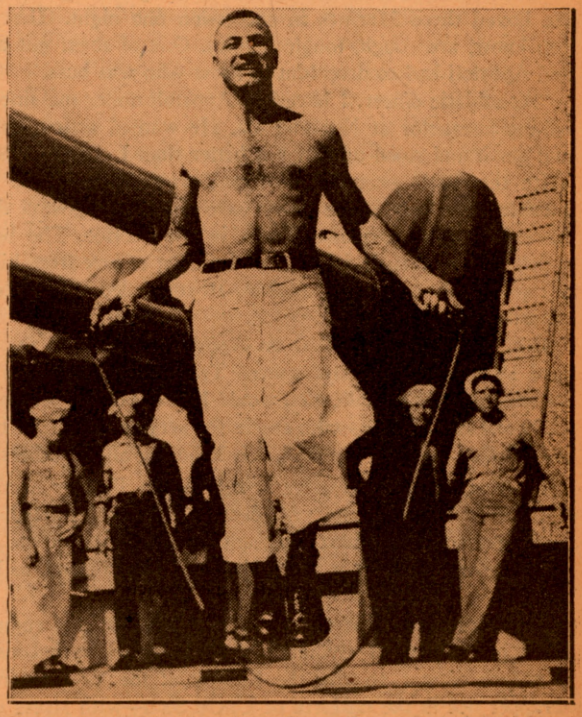
It would be a genuine thrill for THE RING to list Louis, who still is the champion, as No. 1, and Conn, still the outstanding contender, as No. 2 in the rankings for 1943.

But neither Louis nor Conn fought in 1943. It would be a rank travesty to set up a list of leaders which would be based solely on titles and reputations. Why not merely reprint the listing of before the war, and let it go at that?

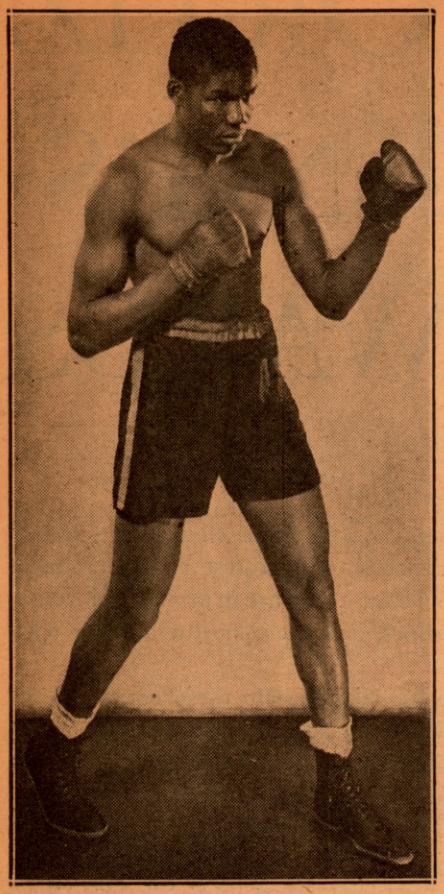
It is not our purpose to ignore our heroes in uniform. In fact, THE RING is delighted to give the Boxer of the Year award to a man in the uniform of Uncle Sam—to Fred Apostoli, former middleweight champion of the world, who, in the Navy, has seen plenty of service in the Southwest Pacific.

Apostoli is a gun captain on a ship. He is a boatswain's mate, first class, and has been through the thick of the fighting out there for the past year.

In addition to doing a fine job as a combat factor, Fred has been coaching boxers and achieving amazing results in the line of morale and entertainment.



Fred Apostoli entertains the sailors aboard his ship in a South Pacific port.



Jimmy Bivins of Cleveland, outstanding heavyweight of the year.

The best eulogium of THE RING's Boxer of the Year for 1943 comes from Ensign John Mitchell Quigg, who says:—

"Mister, if anybody deserves the 'Man of the year in boxing award' this year it is Fred Apostoli, who was a gun captain aboard my ship. Apostoli, as you know, is the former world's middleweight boxing champion, and from your city.

"He's a boatswain's mate, first class, and has been through the thick of fighting in eleven months out there. From the standpoint of bravery under fire, Apostoli may be described as a hero like all the rest.

"But I'm not proposing him as the 'Man of the year in boxing' for military fighting reasons so much as for his value as a morale builder-upper. His influence on the seamen in the entire task force has been remarkable and this uplift in spirits has been transmitted to the officers.

"Apostoli is the chief boxing instructor of the force. In port, he trains the seamen on the foc'sl, averaging 50 to a class. He is really selling boxing to the kids. When the ships return from sea duty, a smoker is arranged, each ship contributing talent.

"Fred referees all the bouts and ends up boxing an exhibition. He boxed three Marines in succession one night. The Marines, you know, are rough, tough fellows. One of them got ambitious and Apostoli had to drop him to show who was boss.

"As athletic officer, I have had Apostoli under me since he was boxing instructor at Norfolk, Va. He wanted action, applied for and got it and stood up under it better than I can describe to you. With the single exception of Sgt. Barney Ross of the Marines, I think more kids in the Navy have heard of Apostoli than they have of any other enlisted man in the service. The boys have written home to their folks about learning to box from him. I saw a reply from one boy's mother. It concluded, 'God bless Fred Apostoli.'"

Ensign Quigg's interview on Apostoli, granted to the "Associated Press" reporter, strengthens THE RING Magazine's pride in its selection. This publication would like to honor every one of the 4,000 and more boxers who are in the service, by name. However, it feels that through Apostoli, it is honoring all the others, as well.

In designating an inactive boxer as the Fighter of the Year, THE RING is setting no precedent. It already established one a year ago, when it named Sergeant Barney Ross, of the Marines, decorated for bravery in the foxholes of Guadalcanal, as its No. 1 man.

THE RING feels that no matter how brilliant and commendable the achievements of civilian boxers, it would be unconscionable, in a time of war, to give the Fighter of the Year award to any scrapper not in the uniform of Uncle Sam—with stress on actual combat.

However, THE RING is not oblivious of the attainments through 1943 of our little army of civilian fighters, some of whom already have gone into service, and some about to get the call.

THE RING's citation of Boatswain's Mate Fred Apostoli is not to be regarded as a hint that it frowns on our civilian boxers, or places them under judgment.

We have in this country a fair, equitable, evenly-working selective service law.

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In the first World War a lot of folks saw fit to set themselves up as judges of their fellow citizens, and there was a lot of yammering in public places of "Slacker, draft dodger," without justification.

Lloyd Marshall who carried off the honors among the active light heavies.

In this war, that sort of thing, happily, is out. If a man is not in uniform, there are good reasons.

With that in mind, THE RING Magazine at this time sets up a secondary award, for the standout civilian boxer of 1943. It goes to Manuel Ortiz, bantamweight champion, who hails from California.

Ortiz is married. He has three children. Over night, his draft status may be changed, and Manuel shifted into the ranks of the 4,000.

Ortiz was the most brilliant, the most active, the most impressive civilian boxer of 1943.

He won the bantamweight title early in the year, and dodged nobody.

Eight times did Ortiz defend his crown, with success and with credit to himself and boxing as a whole. It was he who kept the bantam division alive, and who by his frequent and impressive appearances, helped so signally in keeping civilian boxing on the go.

THE RING Magazine feels fortunate in having a man with such standout qualities available for the civilian citation.

The No. 1 fighters in THE RING Magazine's ranking on the basis of achievements in actual competition, in 1943, are:—

Heavyweight—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland
Light heavyweight—Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Cal.
Middleweight—Jake LaMotta, New York
Welterweight—Ray Robinson, U. S. Army
Lightweight—Tie between Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga., and Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa.
Featherweight—Willie Pep, U. S. Navy and Hartford, Conn.
Bantamweight—Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Cal.
Flyweight—Jackie Paterson, R.A.F. and Scotland

It will be seen from this list of ratings, of which THE RING is rather proud, that not all the No. 1 awards have gone to civilians.

Jake LaMotta, New York's middleweight who leads the field of civilian boxers in his class.

There are three service boxers among the eight—Ray Robinson, Willie Pep and Jackie Paterson, who represents the foreign contingent of the United Nations.

It must be explained here that Gus Lesnevich, the light heavyweight champion, who is in the Coast Guard, was permitted to engage in one exhibition bout this past year. He won it handily, but that one unimportant action did not justify his being rated at the top of the division with the active fighters of 1943.

With our world championships frozen for the duration of the war, we find that these men are the official title-holders:—

Heavyweight—Joe Louis, U. S. Army and Detroit.

Light heavyweight—Gus Lesnevich, U. S. Coast Guard and Clifton, N. J.

Middleweight—Tony Zale, U. S. Navy and Gary, Ind.

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In massing the standout developments of the year in the fistic game, we find these salient:—

1—The War Department continued to refuse to yield to tremendous pressure, not only from civilian but from service sources, to let Joe Louis and Billy Conn fight it out for the heavyweight championship of the world.

2—The Boxing Writers' Association of New York awarded the Edward Neil Memorial plaque to the 4000 and more boxers in the service of the United States.

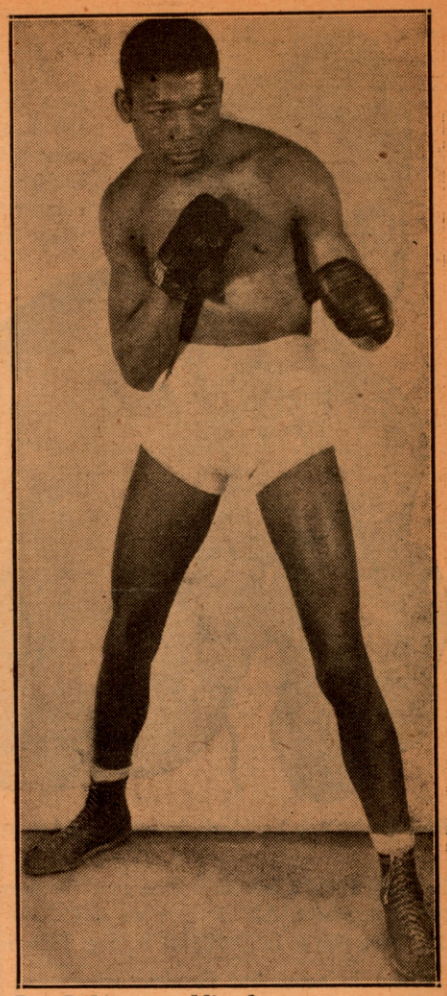
3—The National Boxing Association and the New York State Commission muddled the lightweight division by refusing to cooperate on an elimination tournament that would have produced a universally recognized world champion. Instead it sponsored individual eliminations which produced a New York title-holder in Beau Jack and an N.B.A. champion in Sammy Angott, who last year vacated the throne only to come back again this year as a challenger. Sammy worked his way to the front by defeating Slugger White, Maryland's world champ in California, in a bout officially sanctioned by the N.B.A., for its version of the world crown. Beau Jack, New York's standard bearer, lost to Bob Montgomery but regained his throne by a victory in 15 rounds in a return engagement.

4—Though boxing was discontinued in many of the smaller cities where promoters, dependent on home talent, were unable to muster enough fighters to arrange a worthwhile card, the sport thrived in the leading boxing centers despite a curtailment in programs. New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland, Los Angeles, and San Francisco played to big attendances.

5—For the first time in many years no outdoor boxing shows on a big scale were staged in New York.

6—Manuel Ortiz took his place with Joe Louis as a fighting champion. He successfully defended his bantam title eight times.

7—Two N.B.A. champions were crowned — Jackie Callura, outpointing Jackie Wilson at Providence, won the featherweight title but lost it to Phil Terranova who stopped him in New Orleans in eight rounds. Sammy Angott won the N.B.A. lightweight title.



Ray Robinson, soldier boxer now on tour with Joe Louis, who heads the year's welterweight active fighters.

8—Ray Robinson, after 48 victories, suffered his first defeat at the hands of Jake LaMotta in 10 rounds at Detroit.

9—Ellis Phillips scored two knockouts over Donnie Maes at Convention Hall, Philadelphia, in two bouts the same night.

10—Gene Thomas fought two opponents in one night. Kayoed Ralph Sorenson and lost to Pete Romero. Archie Wilmer kayoed Sal Clemente in one, was kayoed by Frankie Grosso in one.

11—Jimmy Bivins had a perfect record of nine fights.

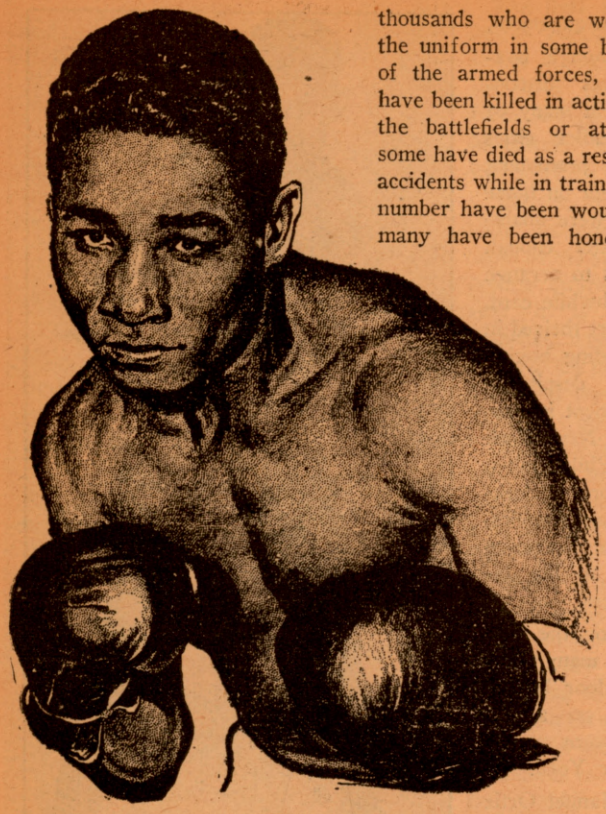
Boxing is well represented in the various branches of the armed forces, with 35 champions and a total of 4073 pro fighters, active and retired, defending the flag.

The title-holders are:—Jack Dempsey, U. S. Coast Guard; Gene Tunney, U. S. Navy; James J. Braddock, U. S. Army; Joe Louis, U. S. Army; Max Baer, U. S. Army; Tommy Loughran, U. S. Marines; Billy Conn, U. S. Army; Melio Bettina, U. S. Army; Tony Zale, U. S. Navy; Billy Soose, U. S. Navy; Ken Overlin, U. S. Navy; Fred Apostoli, U. S. Navy; Barney Ross, U. S. Marines; Gus Lesnevich, U. S. Coast Guard.

Gorilla Jones, U. S. Army; Tommy Freeman, U. S. Navy; Al Hostak, U. S. Navy; Lou Brouillard, U. S. Army; Mushy Callahan, U. S. Army; Benny Leonard, U. S. Maritime Service; Bob Olin, U. S. Maritime Service; Al Singer, U. S. Army; Lou Ambers, U. S. Coast Guard; Fidel LaBarba, U. S. Army; Freddie Cochrane, U. S. Navy.

Pete Scalzo, U. S. Army; Small Montana, U. S. Army; Sixto Escobar, U. S. Coast Guard; Jackie Fields, U. S. Army; Pete Sarron, U. S. Army; Jackie Jurich, U. S. Army; Georgie Pace, U. S. Army; Lew Jenkins, U. S. Coast Guard; Solly Krieger, U. S. Army; Willie Pep, U. S. Navy.

American boxers are covering themselves with glory. Of the



Beau Jack, New York's designated world lightweight king.

thousands who are wearing the uniform in some branch of the armed forces, many have been killed in action, on the battlefields or at sea; some have died as a result of accidents while in training; a number have been wounded; many have been honorably discharged and a few have been cited for bravery and honored by our government. All of these we salute and honor for the part they have played in glorifying boxing. Here is the Honor Roll:—

Killed in action—at Guadalcanal—Indian Joe Rivers, Philadelphia lightweight, U. S. Marines; Terry Edwards, Philadelphia welterweight, U. S. Marines; Tony Edwards, San Francisco bantamweight, U. S. Marines; Marty Marsela, New York City, U. S. Navy.

South Pacific—Eddie Heinzinger, Tuckahoe, N.Y., Cruiser *Juneau,* U. S. Navy; Tony Almeida, Bristol, R. I., U. S. Marines; Johnny Rogers, Washington, D. C., U. S. Army; John Steinbracher, Virginia, U. S. Marines; Marty Maisel and Joe Smyelic, New York; Johnny Jenkins (Frankie Arditto), Navy champion.

Solomon Islands—Sgt. Warren Wilson, Nevada, Stewart Indian School, U. S. Marines; Frank Murphy, Nevada, Stewart Indian School, U. S. Army; Sgt. Ralph Sam, Nevada, Stewart Indian School, U. S. Air Force; Eddie Horne, California middleweight.

Missing in action—Lt. Jack Finney, Florida. At Guadalcanal—Arvey Lacelle, who defeated Ray Robinson as an amateur, New York, U. S. Army; Lt. Francis J. Meyers, Cleveland, U. S. Army bombardier, lost over Germany; Pat Kissinger, Kansas, in Philippines; Hawaii—Danny LaVerne, California, killed in Japanese attack.

Killed in action—Tunisia—Irish Johnny Murloy, Quincy, Mass.

Oran—Randy Moore, Negro middleweight, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Attu—Sgt. Wesley Sellers, California lightweight.

Italy—S. Sgt. Benny Odell, Syracuse, N. Y., middleweight; Andy Callahan, Boston, New England and N.B.A. champion; Angelo Radano, U. S. Army.

Accidental deaths—Tommy Tucker, East Rockaway, N. Y., naval cadet, killed in test flight; Tabby Romero, Oklahoma and California middleweight, died from burns; Johnny Yarosz, killed in plane mishap; Elby Pettaway, Houston boxer, in plane accident.

Injured—Alaska—Jimmy K. O. Davis, Philadelphia, both feet badly injured.

Africa—Sgt. Eddie Anderson, Tulsa, Okla., bantam and featherweight, decorated with Purple Heart; Johnny Rock, Chicago boxer.

South Pacific—Don Brouillard, St. Paul, Minn., U. S. Marines.

New Guinea—Henry Holt, U. S. Marines.

At Guadalcanal—Sgt. Barney Ross, Chicago, U. S. Marines, decorated with Purple Heart and Silver Star; Jimmy Tygh, Philadelphia, U. S. Marines; Pfc. Giffie Kenvin, Mahoney City, Pa., U. S. Marines; Milton Ontell, U. S. Marines.

Distinguished Service Cross—awarded to Lt. Sonny Walker, U. S. Marines, at Guadalcanal and to Cpl. Sanford Forbes, Milwaukee boxer, in Tunisia.

Sammy Angott, who is the world lightweight king, according to the N.B.A.

The best heavyweight in the world no doubt is Joe Louis. But while he still is the champion, he is not eligible for this ranking.

Top honors among the heavyweights, the No. 1 ranking for the year 1943, go to Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland Negro, who recently was reclassified 1A and, by the time these rankings are published, may be in the service.

Bivins' recent bout with Lee Q. Murray didn't add to Jim's prestige. But the fact that he came through with a victory though suffering from a severe eye wound for seven rounds, enabled him to retain his high standing as the boss of the civilian heavyweights. With the odds against him, he held his own against the severe attack of Murray to weather the storm. His victims for the year include Ezzard Charles, Anton Christoforidis, Tami Mauriello, Watson Jones, Pat Valentino, Lloyd Marshall, Herbert Marshall, Melio Bettina and Lee Q. Murray—the best of the light heavyweights and heavyweights.

We may be criticized for placing Mauriello above Murray after Lee Q.'s fine performance against the leader. But in rating Tami our No. 2 man, we have taken into consideration that while the opponents of each were about on a par, Mauriello takes precedence because he has been a consistent top contender and has done nothing during the year that should take that place from him. His only loss was against Bivins, the same fighter who beat Murray. The knockout of Harry Bobo by Murray was a weird one. Bobo was the best man Lee Q. faced other than Bivins.

Mauriello's only loss, like that of Murray, was against Bivins, and those who will question the right of Tami to be over Lee, will bring up the report of press and spectators in the Cleveland bout with Bivins to prove that Murray should have been returned the winner of that fight. Ratings cannot be made on conjectures. Records alone count and the decision, just or unjust, is what we must accept in our selections.

Tami defeated Vince Pimpinella, stopped Tony Musto, Tommy Campanella and Gunnar Barlund and won twice from Mike Alfano and Lee Savold. True, a poor lot from which to make a choice for an outstanding contender, yet where can we find any better talent these times? At least Tami followed up his high standing of 1942.

Murray faced a little better talent, but while he had only come to the front in 1943, Tami was an established fighter. He beat Ted Lowry, Yancey Henry, stopped Buddy Walker once and beat him once, scored over Lou Brooks, stopped Big Boy Brown and Harry Bobo in a riotous bout and lost to Bivins.

Based on the above records there is very little to choose between Mauriello and Murray, but Tami gets the choice on proven merit,

which puts Murray in third place, one point behind in our figures.

Melio Bettina, who was idle for half a year and then was permitted to fight twice, stopped Lou Brooks in one round and lost to Bivins in ten. Bettina proved his right to fourth place by virtue of his fine showing despite his soldiering.

Turkey Thompson, the California heavyweight, Gus Dorazio and Lee Savold follow in that order. Savold's defeat at the hands of Eddie Blunt whom he knocked out in one round in a second engagement, caused him to drop to seventh post. Dorazio is rated higher because the veteran Philadelphian lost only two out of ten bouts, his first, a year ago and his second, against Joe Baksi whom he later whipped and whose opponents were far superior to those who clashed with Savold.

Baksi earned a place in the fistic spotlight by winning seven of his eight engagements in thrilling bouts. He can sock. He rates above Buddy Walker, who was the most active fighter in the division, with 18 bouts. Buddy suffered only three defeats, two via the kayo route. Murray stopped him in six rounds and Baksi in five. He also lost to Murray in eight rounds.

Joey Maxim, the soldier, follows. He had eight fights of which he lost one by a kayo to Curtis Sheppard, but beat him later.

Pat Valentino, who like Bettina, has not been able to fight as often as he would have liked to because he is in the Navy, engaged in three contests. He is last in the group. He beat Freddie Fiducia in ten and Bob Smith in ten but lost in ten to Bivins.

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THE light heavyweight division finds Lloyd Marshall of Sacramento, Cal., No. 1 for the year despite the fact that he lost several fights to middleweights. Normally he is a middleweight, but wins over such notable light heavies as Ezzard Charles, Anton Christoforidis and his close "duration" light heavyweight title bout with Jimmy Bivins, brought him to the fore as an outstanding light-heavyweight.

There was little to choose between Marshall and Nate Bolden for the runner up post, but the former received the honors because of the superior type of opponents. He lost three bouts and drew in one. He dropped a close decision to Holman Williams, a middleweight, and went to a draw of 15 rounds with Jack Chase, who later beat him for the California middleweight title.

Bolden engaged in ten contests and dropped three: to Clarence Brown, Bob Garner and Joey Maxim, and was halted in three rounds by Lee Savold. He beat Tony Musto, Freddie Fiducia, Larry Lane, Curtis Sheppard, Dan Merritt and Claudio Villar.

To Freddie Mills, British light heavyweight king, goes third place though he engaged in only one contest. It was through no fault of this British soldier that he couldn't try his skill more often for three of his bouts were called off at the last minute, one with Jack London for the heavyweight crown.

He is our choice because our Eddie Borden, serving with the Canadian Army overseas, who saw Mills in action and in training, an excellent judge of fighters, informs us in most emphatic terms that Mills is the goods. "He can whip any light-heavyweight and most of the heavyweights in the States," writes Eddie.

As Borden has seen every American of note in ring combat and knows a good fighter when he sees one, Mills is placed next to Bolden, only because he was not as active as were Marshall and Nate. Borden's judgment agrees with that of many other American scribes who have watched Mills.

Anton Christoforidis, former N.B.A. champ now in the Navy, lost his only two fights, one with Jimmy Bivins in 15 rounds and the other with Lloyd Marshall, the two outstanding men in the heavyweight and light heavyweight division, hence is awarded fourth position despite those defeats. Losing to that kind of opposition doesn't hurt one's prestige.

Next comes an American Negro who has been living in Australia for four years—Alabama Kid. His record is a good one. He won and lost in bouts with Jack McNamee, the best of the native Australians, and fought one no-contest with him, but for this last named blemish on his record, he made up by scoring kayo victories over Alec Stanton and Al McDonald.

McNamee takes precedence over the champion, Jack Johnson, for the next post though Johnson, outscaled by more than 50 pounds, pounded Whizzer White, American soldier prospect, into submission in nine rounds. Jack Coggins, Ezzard Charles and Johnny Colan wind up the group.

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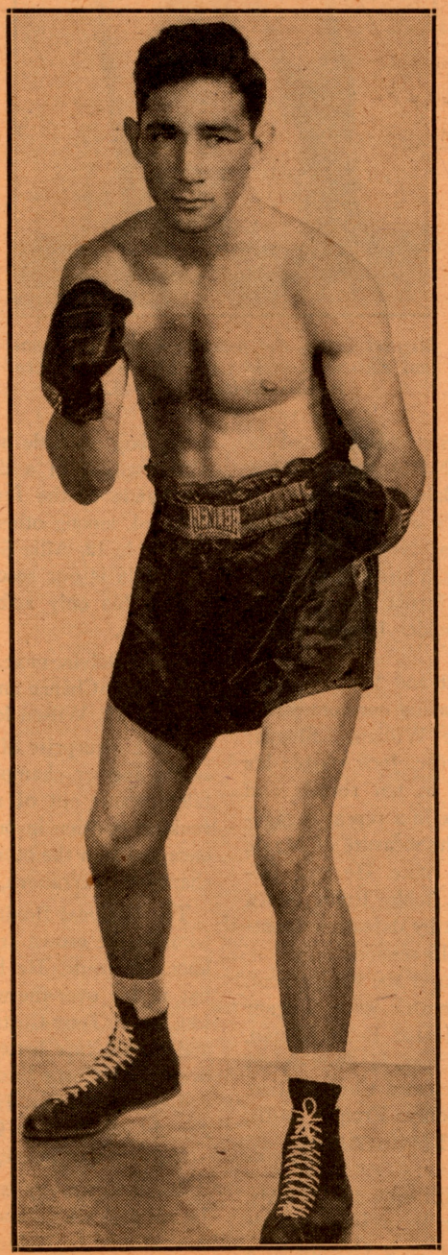

Willie Pep, who kept up his good work before donning the Navy uniform, continues to lead the division.

JAKE LAMOTTA, the New Yorker who is having considerable trouble keeping in the middleweight division, tops the boys in that section. He was an active fighter, engaging in 13 contests of which he lost two, to Ray Robinson and to Fritzie Zivic. But he previously had defeated Ray and Fritzie and last November he again took Zivic into camp.

Rated under him is Jose Basora, the Puerto Rican. Basora lost only one of ten bouts, the loss being to LaMotta. He beat among others, Holman Williams, Ossie Harris and Jackie Cooper. Jack Chase by beating Lloyd Marshall in 15 rounds clinched third place.

Williams, by taking the measure of Steve Belloise a few weeks ago, gained fourth place with Belloise next in line and Archie Moore rated behind him. Williams dropped one fight, to Cocoa Kid, one to Basora and one to Kid Tunero, out of 15. His fight with Charley Burley was called no-contest but through no fault of his. Curly Welch, honorably discharged from the Coast Guard, Jack Chase, Pacific Coast title-holder, and Kid Tunero of Havana rate next, in that order.

Georgie Kochan of the Coast Guard, tenth in the ratings, has a fine record with only one loss out of 16 contests and two draws. His opposition, however, was not equal to that of those ahead of him.

Among the newcomers is Joe Carter, Negro, from Rome, N. Y., ranked one below Kochan. Joe in 16 battles, dropped only two, both of them to Holman Williams.

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THOUGH Ray Robinson is in the Army and has been inactive for half a year, his record for the time he was active is far superior to that of any of his rivals and he heads the list of contenders with Fritzie Zivic, the veteran Pittsburgher, behind him. Though Fritzie was defeated six times, he is the class of the division other than Robinson. He proved that when he knocked out Vinnie Vines

in the first round and Kid McCoy in four. Fighting in his own class, he still can show the way to the youngsters.

Henry Armstrong, despite the fact that he is far below the form he displayed when in his prime, carried on during the year in a manner that earned him third place with Cocoa Kid, another vet, behind him and Jackie Wilson of the Army rated fifth. Jimmy Garrison is sixth, and Antonio Fernandez, seventh.

Of the newcomers, Tommy Bell and Paul Lewis, brother of the former light-heavyweight king, deserve special mention. Bell rates eighth and Lewis follows closely. Lewis lost once and drew twice in 12 bouts and Bell, Youngstown boy, is undefeated in 15 contests.

Then follow Tippy Larkin, Carlos Malacara, Earl Turner, Cecil Hudson and Jimmy McDaniels.

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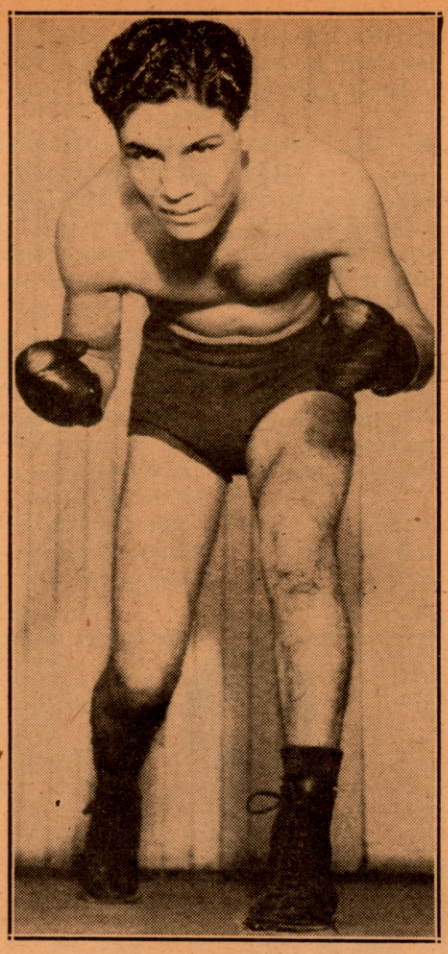
IN rating the lightweights, the Editor follows the policy of this publication in withholding international championship recognition either to Beau Jack, New York's designated world title-holder, or to Sammy Angott, the National Boxing Association's crown wearer, until such time as they meet to decide the matter of supremacy. If we are to go by precedence in boxing, then a championship, when vacant, can be won only through a process of elimination carried out by means of a national or international tourney and such was not the case when Beau Jack gained his honors through the efforts of the New York commission.



Manuel Ortiz, the fighting California bantam who with eight title defenses set pace for his division in 1943.

Nor was it gained by Angott, who previously had abdicated the throne, through such a process, when the N.B.A. crowned him after his victory over Slugger White of Baltimore. Therefore, when Bob Montgomery won from Beau Jack and Beau Jack in turn defeated Bob, no title other than that of New York champion was at stake. And when Angott defeated White in California, he likewise won nothing more than the California crown, White previously having been designated as title holder by that state's commission.

Based on this contention, we place Angott and Beau Jack on the same pedestal, tied for leading honors, sharing our contenders' post, with Montgomery, Bobby Ruffin, Ike Williams, Slugger White and Willie Joyce following in that order. Jack started his climb to fame by defeating Fritzie Zivic in ten rounds and following with two thrilling wins over Fritzie in a repeat engagement and Henry Armstrong. Then he took the measure of Maxie Starr and Johnny Hutchinson via the kayo route. He then followed with losses to Montgomery in 15 and Bobby Ruffin in ten but wound up with the New York title again by defeating Montgomery when they clashed a second time in 15 sessions.

Sammy Angott defeated Willie Pep in an over the weight bout, lost to Henry Armstrong, defeated Joey Peralta, gave Slugger White a shellacking for 15 rounds, and defeated Bobby Ruffin.

Montgomery has a splendid record for the year, his lone defeat in 11 bouts being at the hands of Jack. He defeated Chester Rico, Lulu Costantino, Gene Johnson, Henry Vasquez, Frankie Mills, Fritzie Zivic and Beau Jack and stopped Roman Alvarez, Al Reasoner and Pete Scalzo.

Ruffin came through with flying colors with only two defeats. His outstanding feats were his victories over Beau Jack and his knockout in 17 rounds of Bobby McIntire at New Orleans in a bout scheduled for 20 rounds.

Rated one of the most sensational lightweights and hardest hitters the division has produced in the past few years, is Ike Williams of Philadelphia, who takes his place next to Ruffin as the fifth best world lightweight. This lad, if he continues at the rate he went in 1943, may gain the top rung ere long. Ike engaged in 18 bouts and scored ten knockouts. His kayo victims were Sammy Daniels, Bobby McQuillan, Bill Speary, Rudy Giscombe, Joey Genovese, Jimmy Hatcher, Tommy Jessup, Lefty LaChance, Ed Perry and Johnny Hutchinson.

Willie Joyce beat Henry Armstrong on the Coast and lost to him and to Slugger White and defeated John Thomas. He was forced to retire because of a broken jaw following the last Armstrong bout.

The lightweights, like the welters, were a most active lot. Juan Zurita of Mexico, the first foreigner listed, follows Joyce in the lineup with the British boy, Ronnie James, next in line. Eric Boon, the British champion, occupies the last place in the group. Johnny Greco, the Canadian king, is our tenth choice with Terry Young and Lulu Costantino, the most active boxer in the division, rating next. His defeat by Rubino cost him the loss of tenth position where he originally was slated.

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THE feather class offers no difficulty. So far ahead of the field is the classy Chalky Wright, that he stands out in the division. His lone defeat came at the hands of a lightweight, Lulu Costantino. Included in his many knockouts, is that of the N.B.A. king, Phil Terranova. Wright remains as he did last year, the leading challenger for the crown worn by the sailor boy and title holder, Willie Pep. Before joining the Navy, Pep engaged in a dozen battles and his lone setback was at the hands of the former world champion, Sammy Angott. He defeated, among others, Sal Bartola in 10 and 15 rounds; Jackie Wilson in 12, Allie Stolz in 10, and Bobby McIntire.

Bartola is our second choice in group 1, Sal has an excellent record, his only setbacks coming from the flying fists of the champion.

Larry Bolvin, next in line, had nine fights of which he lost one to Lefty LaChance and drew once, with Crawford, whom he later beat. Jackie Wilson lost a ten rounder to him.

The big surprise of the year in this division, was the comeback of the former champion, Harry Jeffra, who, noting the lack of talent, came out of retirement to win his way into the fourth ranking position in our world ratings. Harry, in six bouts, drew once and won the others, including a ten rounder over the N.B.A. champion, Terranova, who follows him in our listings.

The National Boxing Association's champ didn't fare well after winning the crown from Jackie Callura at New Orleans via the knockout route. He beat Callura once previously the same way but in his over-the-weight matches, he dropped bouts to Lefty LaChance, Tony Costa and Harry Jeffra. He was an active fighter and should fare better in 1944. Among his fine wins were those over Lulu Costantino, Angelo Callura, Mario Morales, Callura and Juan Villalba. He scored knockouts over Johnny Dell, St. Angelo and Sammy Garcia besides the two over Callura.

Maurice LaChance, now a Marine, is awarded sixth place.

Tony Costa, by scoring over Jackie Wilson recently when Jackie broke his hand, takes down seventh place, that originally was allotted to Jackie.

Nel Tarleton, the British king, occupies 11th place and Jackie Callura, the former N.B.A. king, 13th, the last on the list. Freddie Pope is just above him.

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How Boxers *of the* World *are* Grouped *by* "The Ring" for 1943

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Heavyweight Division

World Champion

Joe Louis, U. S. Army and Detroit, Mich. (Inactive)

(Group 1)

1—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, O.
2—Tami Mauriello, New York City
3—Lee Q. Murray, Norwalk, Conn.
4—Melio Bettina, U. S. Army and Beacon, N. Y.
5—Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles, Cal.
6—Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—Lee Savold, Paterson, N. J.
8—Joe Baksi, Scranton, Pa.
9—Buddy Walker, U. S. Army and Columbus, O.
10—Joey Maxim, U. S. Army and Cleveland, O.
11—Pat Valentino, U. S. Navy and San Francisco, Cal.

(Group 2)

1—Charley Eagle, Waterbury, Conn.
2—Tommy Gomez, U. S. Army and Tampa, Fla.
3—Al Hart, U. S. Army and Washington, D. C.
4—Arturo Godoy, Chile
5—Buddy Scott, Tampa, Fla.
6—Bill Weinberg, U. S. Coast Guard and Boston, Mass.
7—Jack London, England
8—Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J.

(Group 3)

Lou Brooks, Wilmington, Del.; Clarence Brown, Chicago; Gunnar Barlund, Finland; Big Boy Brown, U. S. Army and Detroit; Sanders Cox, U. S. Marines and Dallas, Tex.; Jimmy Carollo, U. S. Marines and Corona, L. I.; Chuck Crowell, Los Angeles, Cal.

Johnny Denson, Indianapolis, Ind.; *Eldridge Eatman, Bridgeport, Conn.; Paul Hartnek, U. S. Army and Omaha, Neb.; Yancey Henry, U. S. Army and Pittsburgh, Pa.; Buddy Knox, U. S. Army and Dayton, O.; Johnny Kapovich, U. S. Army and Baltimore, Md.; Al Jordan, Chicago, Ill.; Elmer Ray, Florida; Jack Marshall, Dallas, Tex.

Tony Musto, Blue Island, Ill.; Lou Nova, Alameda, Cal.; Lee Oma, Detroit, Mich.; George Parks, Washington, D. C.; Bill Poland, U. S. Navy and New York; Frank Poreda, U. S. Navy and Jersey City, N. J.; Johnny Bandit Romero, U. S. Army and San Diego, Cal.; Curtis Sheppard, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny Shkor, U. S. Navy and Baltimore, Md.; Roscoe Toles, U. S. Army and New York; J. D. Turner, Dallas, Texas; Clayton Worlds, Chicago, Ill.

*Eatman died December 8.

(Group 4)

Frankie Ahearn, Jersey City; Tommy Attieri, Meriden, Conn.; Neville Tiger Beech, Memphis, Tenn.; Dan Biggers, Baltimore, Md.; Harold Blackshear, San Francisco, Cal.; Bob Blevins, Oakland, Cal.; Eddie Blunt, Corona, L. I.; Jim Bowden, Jacksonville, Fla.; George Brothers, New York; Ben Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tommy Brown, Hackney, Eng.; Leo Red Bruce, Indianapolis, Ind.

Charley Chambers, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Abel Cestak, Buenos Aires; Guy Ciacciato, New York; Tommy Clark, Philadelphia, Pa.; Chris Cole, Ireland; Todd Cole, Aberdeen, Md.; Clent Conway, U. S. Army and Cleveland, O.; Tommy Cornwall, Fairbanks, Alaska; Danny Cox, New York; Wallace Cross, East Orange, N. J.; Charley Crump, Baltimore, Md.

Perk Daniels, Chicago, Ill.; Felix Del Paoli, Southwark, Pa.; Frank Donofrio, Philadelphia, Pa.; Julio Lazaro, Diaz, Cuba.

Lindy Elliott, New York; Mike Enrick, Baltimore, Md.; Freddie Fiducia, Newark, N. J.; Hal Fieberling, Oakland, Cal.; Nick Fiorentino, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Fitch, New Haven, Conn.; Leon Ford, Baltimore, Md.; Roy Fowler, San Diego, Cal.; Al Francis, Providence, R. I.; Lem Franklin, Chicago, Ill.

Alf Gallagher, Australia; Tony Gangemi, Philadelphia, Pa.; Nash Garrison, San Jose, Cal.; Isidore Gastanaga, Spain; Young George, San Diego, Cal.; George Giambastiani, Los Angeles, Cal.; Billy Gillian, East Orange, N. J.; Tony Gillo, New Haven, Conn.; Martin Goldberg, Oakland, Cal.

Sid Hart, London; Arnold Hayes, Canada; Mickey Hayes, Milwaukee; Tom Heffernan, San Francisco, Cal.; Eddie Hocevar, Cape May, N. J.; Hubert Hood, Chicago; Walter Haefer, U.S.M.C. and Dayton, O.; Otis Harris, Washington, D. C.

Charley Johnson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Phil Johnson, Bayonne, N. J.; Bearcat Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bobby Jones, Riverside, Cal.; Gus Jones, Philadelphia, Pa.

Buddy Komar, Washington, D. C.; George Kostelak, Steelton, Pa.; Larry Lane, Trenton, N. J.; Leroy Lawson, Detroit, Mich.; Sammy Leonard, Baltimore, Md.

Pete Louthis, U. S. Army and Cumberland, R. I.; Alberto Lovell, Argentina.

Chester Mack, U. S. Marines; Fernando Menichelis, Argentina; Dan Merritt, Cleveland, O.; Nap Mitchell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Glen Moody, Wales, Eng.; George Muir, New Zealand; Stanley Myska, Buffalo, N. Y.; Herb Narvo, Australia; Red Niebert, Los Angeles, Cal.; Bill Nichy, Australia; Jimmy Bell, Washington, D. C.

Dixie Oliver, New York; Al Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Odell Polee, California; Willard Reed, Indianapolis, Ind.; Jimmy Reilly, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sgt. Ernie Rios, Los Angeles, Cal.; Al Robinson, Leeds, Eng.; Charley Robinson, Penn Grove, New York.

Fred Schott, Paterson, N. J.; Jack Scott, Oakland, Cal.; Ray Scully, Reading, Pa.; Wally Sears, Minersville, Cal.; Oliver Shanks, Canada; Ken Shaw, Dundee; Ernie Sheppard, Bayonne, N. J.; Sam Shumway, Charleston, Mass.; Bob Smith, Baltimore, Md.; Joe Sofi, Philadelphia, Pa.; Saint Thomas, New York; Alex Stanton, Australia; Gilbert Stromquist, Texas.

Olie Tendberg, Sweden; Lou Thomas, Indianapolis, Ind.; Willie Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa.; Martin Thornton, Ireland; Johnny Tick, Paterson, N. J.

Domingo Valin, Hayward, Cal.; Giraldo Valdez, Cuba; Claudio Villar, Barcelona; Al Ware, Oakland, Cal.; Eddie White, New Jersey; Young Harry Wills, Cincinnati, O.; Jack Wofford, Oakland, Cal.

Light-heavyweight Division

World Champion

Gus Lesnevich, U. S. Coast Guard and Clifton, N. J.

(Group 1)

1—Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Cal.
2—Nate Bolden, Chicago, Ill.
3—Freddie Mills, England
4—Anton Christoforidis, U. S. Navy and Cleveland, Ohio
5—Alabama Kid, Australia
6—Jack McNamee, Australia
7—Jack Johnson, Australia
8—Jack Coggins, San Diego, Cal.
9—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
10—Johnny Colan, U. S. Coast Guard and N. Y. City

(Group 2)

1—Bruce Woodcock, Doncaster, Eng.
2—Dave McCleve, England
3—Bob Garner, Louisville, Ky.
4—Herbert Marshall, New York City
5—Jim Grey, Australia
6—Herman Badger, New Haven, Conn.

(Group 3)

Charley Avila, San Francisco, Cal.; Charley Babcock, Bangor, Me.; Cleveland Bailey, Vineland, N. J.; Oscar Boyd, Lackawanna, N. Y.; Joe Brown, New York City; Mose Brown, McKeesport, Pa.; Trevor Burt, England; Ern Clingan, Australia; Jimmy Bell, Washington, D. C.

Tommy Campanella, Brooklyn; Sal Cesario, Boston, Mass.; Sam Daniels, New Britain, Conn.; Ralph DeJohn, U. S. Army and Syracuse; Joe Delaney, Australia; Danny Devlin, Scranton, Pa.; Silas Drake, Los Angeles, Cal.; Benny Deathpaine, Windsor, Ont.; Billy Duncan, Washington, D. C.

Babe Edwards, Los Angeles, Cal.; Danny Edwards, Meriden, Conn.; Silent Escobar, Oakland, Cal.; Vern Esco, Toronto, Can.

Johnny Finazzo, Baltimore, Md.; Bob Ford, Silver City, N. M.; Al Foreman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jack Fowlks, Elizabeth, N. J.; Arthur France, New York City; Tommy Garland, California; Alf Gallagher, Australia.

John Garner, Washington, D. C.; Jerry Goldberg, Oakland, Cal.; Oscar Goode, Long Branch, N. J.; Flash Gordon, Hot Springs, Ark.; Jimmy Gordon, Tampa, Fla.; Billy Grant, Orange, N. J.; Jimmy Grinnage, Philadelphia, Pa.

Acey Haynesworth, Los Angeles, Cal.; Harold Hazlett, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Jack Hill, Chicago, Ill.; Andy Holland, Detroit, Mich.; Ted Horton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Leroy Huffstickler, Camp Gordon, Ga.; Ira Hughes, Oakland, Cal.; Tommy Hunt, Stockton, Cal.; Leon Hunter, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jack Hawks, Meriden, Conn.; Tee Hubert, Washington, D. C.

Stonewall Jackson, Baltimore, Md.; Bob Jacobs, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jib Jones, Cincinnati, O.; Louis Jones, Augusta, Ga.; Watson Jones, Los Angeles, Cal.; Stoney Lewis, Washington, D. C.

Herbie Katz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Nick Kirsch, Baltimore, Md.; Ted Lowry, New Bedford, Mass.; Bill McGee, San Francisco, Cal.; Otis McGraw, Detroit, Mich.; Joe Mack, San Diego, Cal.; Sgt. Gaston Miller, California; Johnny Mattero, California.

Bob Millsap, Milwaukee, Wis.; Battling Monroe, Detroit, Mich.; Soldier Joe Montoya, Ft. Devens, Mass.; Francis Ogg, San Francisco, Cal.; Joe Oliva, New York City; Young Otto, Portland, Ore.; Shamus O'Brien, California.

Billy Pappas, Reading, Pa.; Nat Peragine, New York City; Vince Pimpinella, New York City; Hank Postaway, Detroit, Mich.

Teddy Randolph, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Reeves, Cleveland, O.; Bob Ross, Atlantic City, N. J.; Clay Rowan, San Diego, Cal.

Larry Scalone, Newark, N. J.; Johnny Seaman, Quincy, Mass.; Al Sheridan, Indianapolis, Ind.; Joe Shirey, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tommy Smith, Merthyr, Eng.; Tom Spencer, U. S. Navy; Bill Sterling, Oakland, Cal.; Carl Stevens, Philadelphia, Pa.

Roy Taylor, New York City; Walter Thomas, New York City; Herschel Todd, Washington, D. C.; Sam Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.; Buddy Thomas, Washington, D. C.

Leroy Wade, San Francisco, Cal.; Sailor Billy Walker, New London, Conn.; Dusty Wilkerson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lambertine Williams, Baltimore, Md.; Eddie Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Middleweight Division

World Champion

Tony Zale, U. S. Navy and Gary, Indiana (Inactive)

(Group 1)

1—Jake LaMotta, New York City
2—Jose Basora, Puerto Rico
3—Jack Chase, Denver, Col.
4—Holman Williams, Detroit
5—Steve Belloise, U. S. Navy and New York City
6—Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.
7—Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
8—Curly Welch, Portland, Ore. (Honorably discharged from Coast Guard)
9—Kid Tunero, Havana, Cuba
10—George Kochan, U. S. Coast Guard and Akron, Ohio
11—Joe Carter, Rome, N. Y.
12—George "Sonny" Horne, U. S. Merchant Marine and Niles, Ohio
13—Eddie Booker, San Francisco, Cal.
14—Ron Richards, Australia
15—Mario Ochoa, Havana, Cuba

(Group 2)

1—Frankie Nelson, Boston, Mass.
2—Henry Chmielewski, U. S. Army and Portland, Maine
3—Marvin Bryant, U. S. Marines and Dallas, Texas
4—Vic Dellicurti, New York City (Honorably discharged from Army)
5—Tom Davies, England
6—Bert Gilroy, Scotland
7—Pat O'Connor, Ireland

(Group 3)

Joe Agosta, New York City; Larry Anzalone, New York City; Gene Buffalo, Atlantic City, N. J.; Howard Bennett, Baltimore, Md.; Joe Bennett, New York City; Fred Cabral, Cambridge, Mass.; Jackie Caparall, Roxbury, Mass.; John Carter, Philadelphia.

Johnny Dias, Honolulu; Pete De Ruzzi, Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Jimmy Edgar, U. S. Navy and Detroit, Mich.; Jack Elliott, Baltimore, Md.; Eddie Ellis, Quincy, Mass.; Young Frisco, Australia.

Buddy Farrell, Newark, N. J.; Jerry Fiorello, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Fitzie Fitzpatrick, Cleveland, O.; Joe Governale, U. S. Army and New York City.

Gordon Baxley Hardy, U. S. Army and Augusta, Ga.; Ossie Bulldog Harris, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Big Boy Hogue, U. S. Army and Stituke, Okla. Artie Levine, New York City; Burley Lanier, Burlington, Vt.; Kenny LaSalle, Houston, Tex.

Steve Mamakos, Washington, D. C.; Harry Kid Matthews, Emmett, Idaho; Wild Bill McDowell, Newark, N. J.; Jerry Maloni, Springfield, Mass.

Paulie Peters, San Francisco, Cal.; Wayne Powell, Australia; Roosevelt Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sgt. Tommy Yarosz, Ft. Monmouth, N. J.; Aaron Tiger Wade, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jack Young, Australia.

(Group 4)

Billy Adams, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jack Addison, Tipton, Eng.; Onelio Agramonte, Cuba; Danny Aldrich, Newark, N. J.; Leon Anthony, Gastonia, N. C.; Norman R. Audette, Fall River, Mass.; Frankie Augustian, California.

Al Barbosa, Portchester, N. Y.; Ernest Barnwell, Eng.; Ray Baudo, New York; Russ Baxter, New Castle, Pa.; Bob Berger, Chicago, Ill.; Jim Berry, Newcastle, Eng.; Bobby Birch, Ocean Park, Cal.; Lee Black, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Henry Brimm, Buffalo, N. Y; Jimmy Brooks, New Orleans, La.; Johnny Brown, Baltimore, Md.; Willard Buckless, Saugus, Mass.; Sid Brown, Panama; Bobby Brown, Washington, D. C.

Rudy Campa, Los Angeles, Cal.; Bernie Cardenas, Los Angeles, Cal.; Lenny Cardenas, Newark, N. J.; Billy Carrigan, Baltimore, Md.;

Bob Castro, Los Angeles, Cal.; Eddie Cerda, Mexico; Earl Clingan, Australia; Maurice Cloutier, Manchester, N. H.; Paul Collicci, Providence, R. I.; Jackie Cohen, Belleville, N. J.; Bobby Collins, Buffalo, N. Y.; Tom Collins, Waterbury, Conn.; Willie Collins, Los Angeles, Cal.; Tommy Colteaux, Australia; Costello Cruz, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Jimmy Coleman, California.

Reecy Davis, New Orleans, La.; Benny Deans, Newark, N. J.; Henry Daubler, New Orleans; Al Di Carlos, New York; Ralph Dougherty, Glen Ridge, N. J.; Randy Drew, Newark, N. J.; George Duke, Petaluma, Cal.; Speedy Duval, Philadelphia, Pa.; Clifford Dyes, Philadelphia, Pa.; Roy Dunne, Washington, D. C.

Mike Edwards, Chicago; Al Evans, Newport, R. I.

Mohamed Fahmy, Egypt; Frankie Falco, Jersey City, N. J.; Freddie Flores, Jamaica, L. I.; Augie Fleischhauer, New York City; Larry Fontana, U. S. Army and Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bib Fontes, Los Angeles, Cal.; Al Franklin, Washington, D. C.; Leroy Fleming, Washington, D. C.

Charley Gaines, Wilmington, Del.; Forrest Gee, Milwaukee, Wis.; Al Gilbert, Washington, D. C.; Indian Gomez, Havana, Cuba; Freddie Graham, New York; Herman Graves, California; Oakie Greer, Washington, D. C.; Eddie Guerra, New York City; Jimmy Gust, Indianapolis, Ind.; Johnny Guy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Willie Hagan, Haverhill, Mass.; Lane Hale, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jack Hawkes, New London, Conn.; Vince Hawkins, Eastleigh, Eng.; Bruce Henman, Laporte, Ind.; Reg Hoblyn, Eng.; Buddy Holmes, South Park, Pa.; Bobby Howard, Worcester, Mass.; Howard Henderson, St. Louis, Mo.; Sam Hughes, Detroit, Mich.; George Humes, Hartford, Conn.; Jimmy Hill, Washington, D. C.

Emory Jackson, Atlanta, Ga.; Shipwreck Jackson, Wilmington, Del.; Tommy James, Chicago, Ill.; Sgt. Anthony Jones, Chicago, Ill.; Buddy Jones, Portland, Me.; Dempsey Jones, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Horace Jones, Portchester, N. Y.

Larry Kellum, Camden, N. J.; Nick Kersh, Baltimore, Md.; Sammy Kirsh, Baltimore, Md.

Johnny Lawer, Cleveland, O.; Fred Leemans, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ron Lewis, Australia; Art Lind, Minneapolis, Minn.; Frank Lowry, Kensington, Pa.; Cecilio Lozada, Mexico City; Joe Butch Lynch, Plainfield, N. J.

Dave McCleve, Pattersea, Eng.; Billy McCoy, San Francisco, Cal.; Jerry McCoy, Augusta, Me.; Van Boob McNutt, Baltimore, Md.; Charley McPherson, New York.

Tony Mango, New York City; Frankie Marino, San Francisco, Cal.; Jack Marr, Australia; Larry Martin, Oklahoma; Harvey Massey, New Orleans, La.; Johnny Mattero, San Francisco, Cal.; Pete Mead, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Johnny Meyers, Los Angeles, Cal.; Billy Miller, Newark, N. J.; Coolidge Miller, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Eddie Moffat, Waterbury, Conn.; Tommy Mollis, Baltimore, Maryland.

Lou Montero, Hartford, Conn.; Raul Moreno, Cuba; Billy Moore, Worcester, Mass.; Jimmy Moore, Wilmington, Del.; Larney Moore, Valley Stream, L. I.; Jess Moraney, Harrisburg, Pa.; Johnny Morris, Yonkers, N. Y.; Willie Morris, Baltimore, Md.; Joe Mulli, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Phil Muscato, Buffalo, N. Y.

Doll Nelson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Johnny O'Brien, Calumet City, Ill.; Buddy O'Dell, U. S. Army and California; Jim Oliver, Philadelphia, Pa.; Patty O'Shea, Australia; Larry Pacino, Boston, Mass.; Charlie Perkins, Mansfield, Eng.; Arnold Pep, Newark, N. J.; Lew Perez, Puerto Rico; Warren Peterson, Jamaica, L. I.; Gene Pinter, McAdoo, Pa.; Frankie Pompino, Garfield, N. J.; Powder Proctor, Portland, Ore.; Jim Quigley, Philadelphia, Pa.; Nate Palmer, Washington, D. C.

Lotario Ramirez, Mexico; Joe Reddick, Paterson, N. J.; Ralph Regan, Medford, Mass; Tony Reno, Chicago, Ill.; Dick Richie, California; Henry Kid Robinson, Philadelphia; Zack Robinson, Chicago; Manado Rodriquez, El Paso, Tex.; *Tabby Romero, Phoenix, Ariz.; Manuel Rosa, Baltimore, Md.; Lee Rosen, Baltimore, Md.; Tarzan Roy, Williamsport, Pa.

*Romero died on Dec. 7 in camp.

Rene Sansky, Havana; Richie Sands, Australia; Charley Sardo, Boston, Mass.; Bert Saunders, Paddington, Eng.; Carl Schultz, Hartford, Conn.; Ron Scott, Australia; Ham Serio, Newark, N. J.; Dallas Sessions, Los Angeles, Cal.; Oscar Shanks, Montreal, Can.; Wilfe Shanks, Montreal, Can.; Red Shannon, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mal Smallwood, Boston, Mass.; Joe Snedicker, Dunellen, N. J.; Mike Sopko, Indian Harbor; Dave Souza, New Bedford, Mass.; Joey Spangler, Washington, D. C.; Roman Starr, Oklahoma; Ross Strickland, New York.

Art Tatta, New Haven, Conn.; Jimmy Taylor, Lowell, Mass.; Tito Taylor, Chicago, Ill.; Frank Terry, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gene Thomas, Baltimore, Md.; Ralph Tiovelli, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Stanford Tuckett, U. S. Army and New York City; Stanley Tucker, New York City.

Frankie Valdez, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ben Valentine, Merchant Marine; Dave Viau, Montreal, Can.; Joey Varoff, U. S. Coast Guard.

Len Wadsworth, Montreal, Can.; Al Walker, Australia; Johnny Walker, Philadelphia, Pa.; Billy Ward, Australia; Waddell Washington, Springfield; Kenny Watkins, Los Angeles, Cal.; Willie Wheatley, Baltimore, Md.; Jimmy Willis, Wilmington, Del.; Freddie Wilson, New York; George Sonny Wilson, New York City; Charlie Winkerreid, Newark, N. J.; Kid Wolfe, Baltimore, Md.; Gordon Woodhouse, Canada; Gene Ward, Chicago; B. B. Washington, Washington, D. C.

Frankie Young, New Haven, Conn.; Leon Zurita, Los Angeles, Cal.

Welterweight Division

World Champion

Freddie Cochrane, U. S. Navy and Elizabeth, N. J.

(Inactive)

(Group 1)

1—Ray Robinson, U. S. Army and New York City
2—Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3—Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles, Cal.
4—Cocoa Kid, New Haven, Conn.
5—Jackie Wilson, U. S. Army and Los Angeles, Cal.
6—Jimmy Garrison, Kansas City, Mo.
7—Paul Lewis, Oakland, Cal.
8—Earl Turner, U. S. Coast Guard and Richmond, Va.
9—Antonio Fernandez, Chile
10—Tommy Bell, Youngstown, Pa.
11—Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J.
12—Carlos Malacara, Mexico City
13—Cecil Hudson, Hollywood, Cal.
14—Jimmy McDaniels, Los Angeles, Cal.
15—Frankie Wills, Washington, D. C.

(Group 2)

1—Sheik Rangel, Fresno, Cal.
2—Jerry Moore, New York City
3—Leo Rodak, U. S. Marines and Chicago, Ill.
4—Norman Rubio, U. S. Army and Albany, N. Y.
5—Ruben Shank, U. S. Coast Guard and Denver, Col.
6—George Martin, Boston, Mass.
7—Lefty Flynn, England
8—Billy Morris, Harrisburg, Pa.
9—Dave Castilloux, Canadian Army and Montreal, Can.
10—Freddie Archer, U. S. Navy and Newark, N. J.
11—Jimmy Moore, England
12—Rudolfo Ramirez, Mexico City
13—Ernie Roderick, England
14—Young Kid McCoy, U. S. Army and Detroit, Mich.

(Group 3)

1—Al Costa, U. S. Navy and Woonsocket, R. I.
2—Lenny "Boom Boom" Mancini, U. S. Army and New York City
3—Ralph Zannelli, Providence, R. I.
4—Izzy Jannazzo, New York City
5—Artie Dorrell, U. S. Air Corps and Tyler, Texas
6—Arthur Danahar, England
7—Danny Kapilow, U. S. Coast Guard and New York City
8—Maxie Berger, New York City (Honorably discharged from U. S. Army)
9—Clever Henry, Honolulu
10—Al Tribuani, Wilmington, Del.

(Group 4)

Al Davis, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Paul Altman, Texas; Dave Andrews, Lowell, Mass.; Tommy Armour, England; Peter Banasko, Liverpool; Laurie Barron, Australia; Buster Beaupre, Burlington, Vt.; Joe Bellotti, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Hickey Bennell, Australia; Jimmy Bray, Liverpool; Frankie Britt, Fall River, Mass.; Herb Brydon, West Orange, N. J.; Mike Bulik, New York City; Jackie Burke, Ogden, Utah; Jackie Byrd, Blytheville, Ark.; Hankin Barrow, Panama.

Dencio Cabanella, Honolulu; Al Calderon, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ray Camacho, Honolulu; Raoul Carabantes, Chile; Willie Calhoun, New York City; Buster Carroll, Boston, Mass.; Johnny Caruso, Jersey City, N. J.; Tommy Clark, California; Vic Coltreaux, New Zealand; Jackie Cooper, Chicago, Ill.; Joe Curcio, Newark, N. J.

Jackie Daniels, Australia; Tommy Davies, England; Paul De Bello, New York City; Kid Delaney, Australia; George Red Doty, Hartford, Conn.; Lige Drew, San Diego, Cal.; Harvey Dubs, Windsor, Ont., and Canadian Army; Jiggs Donohue, Philadelphia, Pa.

Phil Enzenga, Baltimore, Md.

Tony Ferrara, U. S. Army and Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Al Fine, Elmsford, N. Y.; Lefty Satan Flynn, Jamaica, L. I.; Ernie Forte, Providence, R. I.

Terry Gibson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Rocky Graziano, New York City.

Joseph Haddad, Paterson, N. J.; Eddie Halligan, Oakland, Cal.; Wicky Harkins, Philadelphia, Pa.; Chuck Hirst, U. S. Army and Detroit, Mich.; Joe Hernandez, Jersey City, N. J., and U. S. Coast Guard; Max Hutchins, Los Angeles, Cal.

Lew Jenkins, Sweetwater, Tex., and U. S. Coast Guard; Pedro Jiminez, Santa Rosa, Cal.; Al Jolson, Baton Rouge, La.

Milton Kessler, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Steve Ketchel, Hartford, Conn.; Eddie Kane, Washington, D. C.

Bobby Lakin, Jamaica, L. I.; Joe Legon, Cuba; Joe Lemieux, New Bedford, Mass.; Henry Lasser, Oakland, Cal.; Jimmy Leto, Hartford, Conn.; R. J. Lewis, Denver, Col.; Perry Lowe, Newark, N. J.; Al Lust, Canadian Army and Medicine Hat, Alberta, Can.; Nick Latsios, Washington, D. C.

Jimmy Mallon, Liverpool, Eng.; Cleo McNeal, Canton, O.; Mickey Makar, Bayonne, N. J.; Joe Manbro, New York City; Gene Maynard, Woonsocket, R. I.; Honey Mellody, Boston, Mass.; Bernie Miller, New York City; Neil Miller, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Harry Mizler, England; Bobby Montoya, El Paso, Tex.; Felix Morales, Puerto Rico; Mario Morales, Cuba; Reuben Moreno, San Francisco, Cal.; Al Morey, San Diego, Cal.; Sammy Mammone, Norwich, Conn.

Carmen Notch, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mayon Padlo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tiger Parkes, Australia; Verne Patterson, Chicago, Ill.; Ernie Pelaia, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Laurie Petersen, Australia; Charley Petro, Washington, D. C.; Teddy Phillips, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Johnny Potenti, Worcester, Mass.; Aaron Perry, Washington, D. C.

Baby Razo, San Diego, Cal.; Terry Reilly, Australia; Tony Riccio, Bayonne, N. J.; Bobby Richardson, Cleveland, O.; Ernest Cat Robinson, Jamaica, L. I.; Beau Robinson, New Haven, Conn.; Paddy Roche, Ireland; Ross Romero, Livermore, Cal.; Frankie Ross, Boston, Mass.

Charley Sabatella, Dunmore, Pa.; Frankie Saia, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jim Sauer, Boston, Mass.; Leo Sawicki, Worcester, Mass.; J. D. Shans, Los Angeles, Cal.; Flash Sebastian, Honolulu; Richie Shinn, Baltimore, Md.; Jack Siacri, Syracuse, N. Y.; Bob Simmons, Indianapolis, Ind.; Chester Slider, Fresno, Cal.; Les Sloane, Australia; Harold Jamaica Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Sole, Camp Lee, Va.; Diego Sosa, Cuba; Al Spencer, New Orleans, La.; Al Spina, Portland, Me.; Joe Sulick, New York City; Oscar Suggs, Newport, R. I.; Buck Streator, Collingswood, N. J.; Ginger Stewart, Eng.; Babe Al Synott, Fall River, Mass.; Jimmy Synnott, Fall River, Mass.

Saverio Turiello, New York City; Artie Tedesco, Jersey City, N. J.; Milo Theodorescu, New York City; Stanley Tuckett, New York City; Lolo Vasquez, Los Angeles, Cal.; Vinnie Vines, U. S. Army and Schenectady, N. Y.; Billy White, Baltimore, Md.; Benny Williams, Newark, N. J.; Bee Bee Wright, Clairton, Wis.; Joe Ybarra, Oakland, Cal.

(Group 5)

Gaspare Abruzzi, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Top Row Allen, Alameda, Cal.; Marshall Allison, Shelbyville, Ark.; Luis Alonzo, California; Jimmy Anest, Hackensack, N. J.; Lou Angelo, Bayonne, N. J.; Jackie Armitage, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jim Armour, Dunellen, N. J.

Carmine Baglino, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frankie Bannon, Portland, Me.; Hockey Bennell, Australia; Steve Bilko, New Brunswick, N. J.; Homer Bingham, Baltimore, Md.; Ike Blair, California; Ceferino Bronco, Fall River, Mass.; Clinton Brooks, Indianapolis, Ind.; Marine Brunt, British Marines; Del Bryant, Buffalo, N. Y.; Laurie Buxton, Watford, Eng.; Gene Brown, Washington, D. C.

Tony Campo, Boston, Mass.; Pete Cappy, Kingston, N. Y.; Carl Chrisite, Hawaii; Al Cuillo, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bobby Claus, Buffalo, N. Y.; Johnny Clements, Glasgow; Joe Conforto, New Orleans, La.; Jerome Conforto, New Orleans; Fred Corten, Australia; George Craig, Australia; Joe Curcio, Newark, N. J.

Sammy Daniels, Baltimore, Md.; Eddie Davis, Baltimore, Md.; Bill De Belin, Australia; Joe De Martino, Bridgeport, Conn.; Alex Doyle, Garfield, N. J.; Joe Donofrio, Baltimore, Md.; Willie Downing, New York City; Sgt. Frank Duffy, Liverpool; Kippy Dumas, Detroit, Mich.; Jimmy Dundee, Australia.

Charley Early, Oakland, Cal.; Tommy Egan, California; Caesar Ferro, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Kid Foster, Panama; Andy Fowler, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ben Franklin, Homestead, Pa.; Sammy Fuller, Boston, Mass.; Jimmy Fuller, Boston, Mass.; Billy Furrone, Atlantic City, N. J.

Pete Galiano, Baltimore, Md.; Joey Gambaro, New York City; Pete Geno, New York City; Jackie Goodman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tony Gouvia, Fall River, Mass.; Johnny Green, Buffalo, N. Y.; Tony Grey, Detroit, Mich.; Eddie Griffin, New York City; Julius Galucci, New Jersey.

Jesse Harris, Baltimore, Md.; Chito Hernandez, Hollywood, Cal.; Chuck Hunter, Cleveland, O.

Frank Intieri, New York City; Max Hutchins, Los Angeles, Cal.

Billy Jones, Cymparc, Eng.; Johnny Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Henry Jordan, Philadelphia, Pa.

Joe Keyes, Los Angeles, Cal.; Tiger Kiggans, Indianapolis, Ind.; Steve Kukol, Johnston, Pa.

Vince LaSalva, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Freddie Lawrence, San Francisco, Cal.; Earl Lester, San Diego, Cal.; Elmer Lewis, Los Angeles, Cal.; Zulu Liggins, San Diego, Cal.; Johnny Lopez, Los Angeles, Cal.

Johnny Monroe, New Orleans; Jimmy Morrison, Newark, N. J.; Bill Napper, Roxbury, Mass.; Gordon Neal, Baltimore, Md.; Bob Nichols, Cincinnati, O.; Phil Norman, Detroit, Mich.

Poppy O'Coin, Spencer, Mass.

Tony Papa, Old Bridge, N. J.; Bill Parsons, Danville, Ill.; Jerry Pittro (Baby Galento), Chicago, Ill.; Dick Platt, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ray Polacci, New York City; Gene Posey, Oakland, Cal.; Jackie Potts, Crew, Eng.; Charley Pressler, Los Angeles, Cal.; Charley Petro, Washington, D. C.

Norman Red Rahn, Philadelphia, Pa.; Peter Reyes, Honolulu; Steve Riggio, New York City; Jimmy Rinaldi, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joey Ross, Toronto, Can.; Ray Rovelli, Elizabeth, N. J.; Johnny Roszina, Milwaukee, Wis.; Johnny Ryan, Detroit, Mich.

Eddie Salazar, Honolulu; Pvt. Billy Seep, Ontario, Can.; Al Smith, Los Angeles, Cal.; Billy Smith, Los Angeles, Cal.; Fritzie Snedicker, Dun-

ellen, N. J.; Lincoln Stanley, Oakland, Cal.; Billy Stevens, Glasgow; Solomon Stewart, New York; Whitey Shaw, Taunton, Mass.

Buster Tyler, U. S. Army and Miami, Fla.

Alejandro Vega, Mexico City; Vincent Villavicencio, Tia Juana, Mexico; Pete Viratos, Sacramento, Cal.

Al Walker, Oakland, Cal.; Otis Walker, Cleveland, O.; Jim Wellard, Northampton, Eng.; Babe Wilkins, Orange, N. J.; Alonzo Williams, Los Angeles, Cal.; George Williams, Baltimore, Md.; Bob Winters, Philadelphia, Pa.; Billy Woods, Indianapolis, Ind.

Lightweight Division

World Champion
(Title vacant)

(Group 1)

1—Beau Jack, Atlanta, Ga., and Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa., on even terms as outstanding contenders
3—Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Bobby Ruffin, New York City
5—Ike Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Slugger White, Baltimore, Md.
7—Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind.
8—Juan Zurita, Mexico
9—Ronnie James, R.A.F., and Swansea, Eng.
10—Johnny Greco, Canadian Army and Montreal, Can.
11—Terry Young, New York City
12—Lulu Costantino, New York City
13—Eric Boon, England

(Group 2)

1—Maxie Shapiro, U. S. Army and New York City
2—Chester Rico, U. S. Army and New York City
3—Johnny Hutchinson, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Julie Kogon, New Haven, Conn.
5—Billy Miller, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6—Bobby McIntire, Detroit, Mich.
7—Joey Peralta, Nogales, Ariz.
8—Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, U. S. Army and Miami, Fla.
9—Tommy Jessup, U. S. Army and Springfield, Mass.
10—Allie Stolz, Newark, N. J.
11—Pete Scalzo, U. S. Army and New York City
12—Roman Alvarez, New York City and U. S. Army

(Group 3)

Joey Amico, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joey Bagnato, Toronto, Can.; Mike Belloise, New York City; Johnny Bellus, New Haven, Conn.; Verne Bybee, Ogden Utah; Rudolfo Cruz, Los Angeles, Cal.; Johnny Campo, New Haven, Conn.; Johnny Cesario, Hartford, Conn.; Paddy Boxall, Australia; Al Citrino, San Francisco, Cal.; Billy Banks, Washington, D. C.

Charley Davis, New York City; Jimmy Doyle, Los Angeles, Cal.; Johnny Dudley, Detroit, Mich.; Freddie Dawson, Chicago, Ill.; Pat Demers, Brockton, Mass.; Vince Dell 'Orto, New York City; Young Finnegan, Panama.

Carmine Fatta, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Carmelo Fenoy, Havana, Cuba; Les Fitzgerald, Australia; Primo Flores, New York City.

Lupe Gonzales, Mexico City; Carl Red Guggino, Hartford, Conn.; Al Guido, New York City; Cliff Gregory, Elizabeth, N. J.

Lew Hanbury, Washington, D. C.; Tommy Hyams, England; Indian Ralph, Hurtado, Panama.

Kelly Jessup, Springfield, Mass.; Julio Cesar Jiminez, Mexico City; Gene Johnson, New York City; Jimmy Joyce, Gary, Ind.

Warren Kendall, England; Dorsey Lay, Philadelphia; Harry Lazar, England; Ray Lunny, San Francisco, Cal.

Tony Mar, Mexico; Mickey Miller, Australia; Richie Lemos, Los Angeles, Cal.

Pedro Ortega, Mexico; Georgie Pace, U. S. Army and Cleveland, O.; Morris Parker, Newark, N. J.; Vic Patrick, Australia; Joey Ellis Phillips, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Phillips, Cumberland, Md.; Joey Pirrone, Cleveland, O.

Dolf Rafferty, Milwaukee, Wis.; Al Reasoner, Chicago, Ill.; Everette Rightmire, Sioux City, Iowa; Frankie Rubino, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ray Salas, Berkeley, Cal.; Guy Serian, Tampa, Fla.; Cleo Shans, Los Angeles, Cal.

Al Spoldi, Los Angeles, Cal.; Santiago Sosa, Havana, Cuba; Bill Speary, Nanticoke, Pa.

Kid Tanner, British Guiana and R.A.F.; Cuthbert Taylor, England; Harry Teaney, Cleveland, O.; Johnny Thomas, Los Angeles, Cal.; Reg Tozer, Australia.

Henry Vasquez, New York City; Juan Villalba, Havana, Cuba; Steve Vaccarelli, New York City.

Tyree White, Fresno, Cal.; Charley Williams, Newark, N. J.; Bobby Yaeger, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Group 4)

Freddie Addeo, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Elbert Adams, Chicago, Ill.; Frankie Allen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Roy Aragon, Los Angeles, Cal.; Richard Arce, Los Angeles, Cal.; Johnny Armando, Los Angeles, Cal.; Verne Atkins, Youngstown, O.

Patsy Brandino, Hamilton, Ont., Can.; Billy Bates, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Milton Bell, New York City; Rocco Bello, New Haven, Conn.; Willie Beltran, New York City; Charley Bennett, Baltimore, Md.; Frankie Bennett, Valley Stream, L. I.; Lou Bernal, Los Angeles, Cal.; Benny Black, Los Angeles, Cal.; George Dusty Brown, York, Pa.; Kid Bururu, Havana, Cuba; Jimmy Brisco, Washington, D. C.

Billy Cabey, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joe Calixto, Hamilton, Ont., Can.; Doug Carter, Newark, N. J.; Tommy Chapman, Australia; William Henry Cheatum, Newark, N. J.; Stanley Cieslik, Detroit, Mich.; Al Citrino, San Francisco, Cal.; Jackie Clark, Hartford, Conn.; Johnny Coe, W. Medford, Mass.; Baby Coullimber, Havana, Cuba; Jimmy Collins, Baltimore, Md.; Joe Conrad, Garfield, N. J.; Ron Conybear, Australia; Johnny Cool, Worcester, Mass.; Victor Creelman, New York City; Tuffy Cummings, Baltimore, Md.

Mickey Daniels, Philadelphia, Pa.; Corky Davis, Worcester, Mass.; Mike Delma, Los Angeles, Cal.; Harry Diduck, New York City; Al Douglas, San Francisco, Cal.; Eddie Dowl, Newark, N. J.; Leo Dulmaine, Worcester, Mass.

Wally Edwards, Australia; Duke Ellis, Australia; Neva Esparza, Mexico; Al Evans, Indianapolis, Ind.; Jose Fernandez, Roxbury, Mass.; Pedro Firpo, Camden, N. J.; Jimmy Florita, Stockton, Cal.; Marcel Fournier, Montreal, Can.; Glover Frazier, Stockton, Cal.; Bob Fuller, Australia; Leo Francis, Panama; Chuey Figueroa, Los Angeles, Cal.

Chuckie Garcia, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ruby Garcia, Puerto Rico; Al Gauthier, Ludlow, Mass.; Joe Genovese, Toronto, Can.; Harry Gentile, Hartford, Conn.; Lou Germanto, Watertown, N. Y.; Doug Gibson, Bauxite, Ark.; Joe Gillies, Springfield, Mass.; Eddie Giosa, Philadelphia, Pa.; Irving Gold, New York City; Al Gomez, Chicago, Ill.; Max Gonzales, New York City; Emmett Greer, Detroit, Mich.; Frankie Gromada, New York City; Victor Grupico, San Francisco, Cal.; Bobby Gunther, Detroit, Mich.

Billy Hardges, Detroit, Mich.; Freddie Hermann, Elizabeth, N. J.; Harry Hitlian, Worcester, Mass.; Lee Hogan, New Haven, Conn.; Jeff Hollaway, New York City; Bobby Howe, Bangor, Me.; Eddie Hudson, San Francisco, Cal.; Lloyd Hudson, Bath, Me.; Earl Huff, Camden, N. J.; James Hursey, Honolulu.

Charley Jackson, New York City; Jesse Jackson, Chicago, Ill.; Louis Jackson, Chicago, Ill.; Paulie Jackson, Reading, Pa.; Tommy Johns, Australia; Melvin Johnson, Chicago, Ill.; Midget Jones, New Orleans, La.

Jackie Kendrick, Liverpool; Ruby Kessler, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cotton King, W. Palm Beach, Fla.; Walter Kolby, Buffalo, N. Y.

Joe Lamb, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Larover, Philadelphia, Pa.; Nick Latsios, Washington, D. C.; Jackie Leamus, New York City; Don Lemos, Los Angeles, Cal.; Willie Lel, Portland, Me.; Francis Leonard, Taunton, Mass.; Frankie Leta, Irvington, N. J.; Red Levesque, Fall River, Mass.; Billy Kid Lewis, Baltimore, Md.; Oscar Lewis, Newark, N. J.; Herb Lockwood, New Orleans, La.

Jimmy McAllister, Baltimore, Md.; Lester McGowan, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jimmy McLarnin, New Bedford, Mass.; Bobby McQuillan, Lackawanna, N. Y.; Johnny Mack, New Britain, Conn.; Joe Madrid, Stockton, Cal.; Julian Malavez, New York City; Jim Malloy, St. Helens, Eng.; Pete Manchio, New York City; Jimmy McGriff, Washington, D. C.

Bobby Mann, Trenton, N. J.; Pedrito Martinez, Havana; Buddy Maxwell, Indianapolis, Ind.; Frank Maxwell, Baltimore, Md.; Lew Maxwell, Newark, N. J.; Frankie Mayo, Tacony, Pa.; Jose Mendoza, Mexico; Al Miller, Hollywood, Cal.; Joe Miller, Buffalo, N. Y.; Tommy Mills, New York City; Ray Mondello, Boston, Mass.; Abel Moniz, Hawaii; Eddie Moran, Liverpool; Jorge Morelia, Mexico; Bobby Morgan, Manchester, Conn.; Tony Murray, Canada; Johnny Morgan, Philadelphia, Pa.; Billy Murphy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Rip Murphy, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Murray, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Al Nedoff, Gary, Ind.; Joey Neil, Albany, N. Y.; Jackie Nichols, Gary, Ind.; Tiger Nelson, Washington, D. C.

Joe Olivera, Fall River, Mass.

Jimmy Paraggio, New York City; Frankie Parchia, New York City; Sammy Parotto, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Earl Paul, Indianapolis, Ind.; Joe Pedroso, Havana, Cuba; Fern Pelletier, Lewiston, Me.; Sgt. Ed Perry, Detroit, Mich.; Ernie Petrone, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jim Pinckney, Boston, Mass.; Tony Pirrone, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Poindexter, Indianapolis, Ind.; Fred Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.; Walter Poodles, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny Price, Montreal, Can.; Joe Proo, San Diego, Cal.; Ray Puig, Tampa, Fla.

Billy Rainsbury, Australia; Torita Ramos, Mexico; Baby Real, Panama; Jackie Reed, Los Angeles, Cal.; Torpedo Reed, Los Angeles, Cal.; George Regan, Australia; Joe Rivers, Puerto Rico; Sergio Rivera, Cuba; Charley Roberts, New York; Tommy Rotola, Utica, N. Y.; Abie Rozo, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jose Domingo Rozo, Colombia, S. A.; Fred Russo, Rahway, N. J.

George Salamoni, Boston, Mass.; Louis Salas, Tia Juana, Cal.; Buddy Samarco, E. Liberty, Pa.; Al Sanchez, Hollywood, Cal.; Eddie Scott, Chicago, Ill.; Guy Serean, New Orleans; Dick Shields, Liverpool; Joey Silva, Mexico; Richard Silva, Honolulu; Honey Simeon, Toronto, Can.; Eugene Simmons, Maryland; Gene Smith, New Orleans; George Smith, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jackie Smith, Baltimore, Md.; Ray Smith, San Francisco, Cal.; Willie Smith, Camden, N. J.; Charley Smith, Newark, N. J.; Mayhem Smith, U. S. Coast Guard; Young Sloane, Washington, D. C.

Erwin Soloway, Chicago, Ill.; Santiago Sosa, Havana, Cuba; Patsy Spatora, New York City; Gene Spencer, Chicago, Ill.; Maxie Starr, Washington, D. C.; Walter Stevens, Newark, N. J.; Sammy Stigliano, Hoboken, N. J.

Bobby Taylor, Los Angeles, Cal.; Bucky Taylor, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny Cuthbert, England; Zachary Taylor, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Gene Valenzuela, Watts, Cal.; Frankie Van, Bayonne, N. J.; Al Velez, New London, Conn.; Manuel Villa, Los Angeles, Cal.

Ron Warner, Australia; Tommy Warnock, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jimmy Warren, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joey Wasnick, New Haven, Conn.; Al White, Baltimore, Md.; Stan Wilkes, Australia; Teddy Williams, Australia; Lester Young, Scranton, Pa.

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World Champion

Willie Pep, U. S. Navy and Hartford, Conn.
(Inactive part of year)

(Group 1)

1—Willie Pep, U. S. Navy and Hartford, Conn.
2—Chalky Wright, Durango, Mexico
3—Sal Bartola, Boston, Mass.
4—Larry Bolvin, Providence, R. I.
5—Harry Jeffra, Baltimore, Md.
6—Phil Terranova, New York City
7—Maurice Lefty LaChance, U. S. Marines and Lisbon, Me.
8—Tony Costa, Woonsocket, R. I., and U. S. Army
9—Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
10—Pedro Hernandez, Puerto Rico
11—Len Davies, England
12—Nel Tarleton, England
13—Freddie Pope, Cleveland, O.
14—Jackie Callura, Hamilton, Ont.

(Group 2)

Joey Archibald, U. S. Army and Providence, R. I.; Angel Avila, Mexico.

Eduardo Carrasco, Peru; Frankie Carto, Philadelphia, Pa.; Davey Crawford, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cris Crispin, Hawaii; Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles, Cal.; Nat Corum, Sacramento, Cal.

Abe Denner, Boston, Mass.; Harold Dade, Chicago; Joe Dolan, Portland, Ore.; Chuck Garcia, Los Angeles, Cal.

Jim Hayes, Leeds, Eng.; Quintin Hernandez, New York.

Al Medrano, Los Angeles, Cal.; Eddie Miller, Australia; Andy K.O. Morgan, Detroit, Mich.; Mario Morales, Cuba; Donnie Maes, Denver, Col.

Bluey Paxton, Australia; Danny Petro, Washington, D. C.; Billy Pinti, Rome, N. Y.

Diego Sosa, Cuba; Aaron Seltzer, New York City; Billy Tolles, Australia.

Joe Apontes Torres, New York City; Ham Wiloby, Corona, L. I.; Kid Young, Australia.

(Group 3)

Kid Alexander, Washington, D. C.; Jackie Allen, New Orleans; Roy Andrews, Lowell, Mass.; Tino Ascesio, California.

Billy Baines, Southwark, Pa.; Tony Barcelona, Newark, N. J.; Bernie Bernard, New York City; Buzz Blucher, Australia; Pete Bolos, Detroit, Mich.; Enrique Balanos, Mexico.

Luis Castillo, Havana, Cuba; Mario Colon, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Yvon Cote, Montreal, Can.; Carlos NoNo Cuebas, New York City; Jackie Cunningham, Jersey City; Mike Crouchelli, West New York, N. J.; Johnny Cockfield, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Jerry Darby, Jamaica, L. I.; Len Davies, Swansea, Eng.; Bernard Docusen, New Orleans.

Chester Ellis, Kansas City, Kan.; Clyde English, New York City; Bobby Evans, Buffalo, N. Y.

Chuey Figueroa, Los Angeles, Cal.; Victor Flores, Mexico City; Jackie Floyd, Philadelphia, Pa.; Juste Fontaine, Milwaukee, Wis.; Frankie Franconeri, Bayonne, N. J.; Prince Farley, New Orleans.

Sammy Garcia, Quincy, Mass.; Johnny Gebert, Freeport, L. I.; Mick Gibbons, Belfast, Ire.; Tommy Gibbons, Belfast, Ire.; Charlie Gibson, Leicester, Eng.; Harold Cannonball Gibson, New York City; Camille Gosselin, Montreal, Can.; Eli Golindo, California.

Billy Hale, Phoenix, Ariz.; Charley Hall, Buffalo, N. Y.; Dave Hernandez, Los Angeles, Cal.; Bob Hopwood, Bolton, Eng.

Leslie Jack, Flint, Mich.; Jim Jericho, Washington, D. C.

Georgie Knox, Newark, N. J.; Steve Kronis, Boston, Mass.

Harold Snooks Lacey, New Haven, Conn.; Charley Cabey Lewis, New York City; Joey Longo, Baltimore, Md.; Angel Lopez, San Diego, Cal.

Quentin McCall, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ed Macinko, Baltimore, Md.; Earl Maynard, San Diego, Cal.; Earl Mintz, Jersey City, N. J.; Joe Monteiro, Wareham, Mass.; George Marlo, New Orleans; Kent Martinez, California.

Charles Noel, Jersey City, N. J.

Tony Oshiro, Boston, Mass.

Jimmie Paul, New Brunswick, N. J.; Jimmy Pell, New York City; Jimmy Pitts, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rocco Progano, New Haven, Conn.

Joe Ralph, British Guiana; Orlando Ramill, Havana; Johnny Rawlings, Blidworth, Eng.; Billy Reed, Washington, D. C.; Danny Reilly, Australia; Vic Resto, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jim Riley, Edinburgh, Scotland; Louis Chino Rosa, Honolulu; Eloy Renteria, California.

Young Sampson, Gambia, Canal Zone; Adolph Samuels, Honolulu; Joe Sanchez, Honolulu; Al Sforza, Boston, Mass.; Harry Kid Silver, London; Bill Sinclair, Australia; Bob Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eddie Smith, New York City; Tom Smith, Merthyr, Eng.; Al Soto, New York City; Buddy Spencer, Hollywood, Cal.; Ted Sprouster, Austra-

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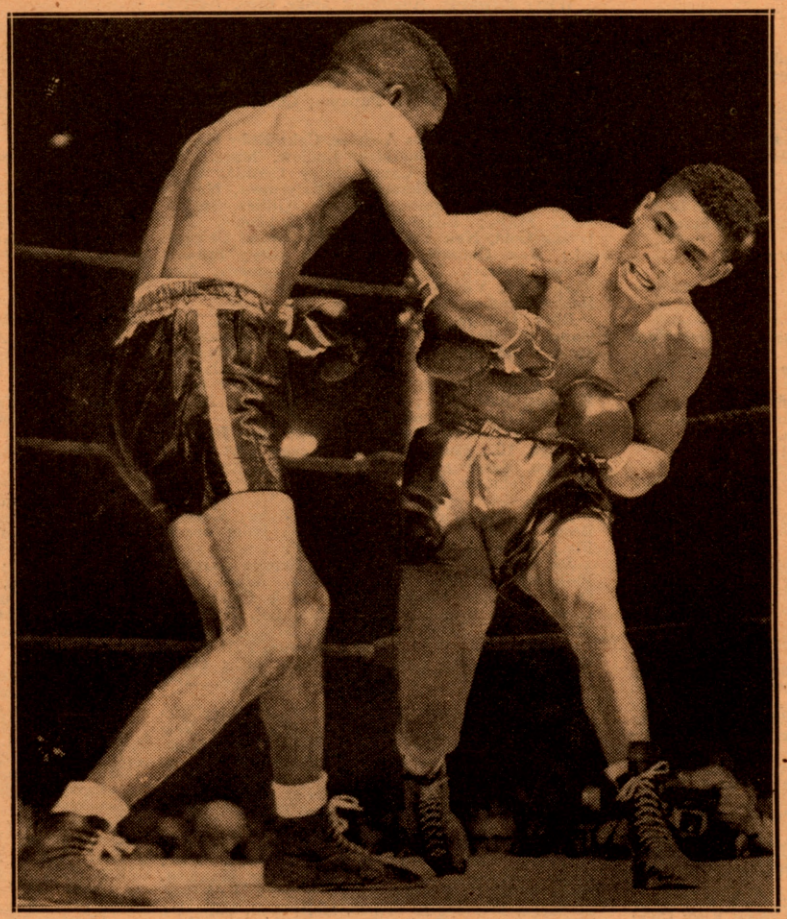
BEAU JACK THRILLS IN YEAR'S BIG UPSET

By THE RING EDITOR

BEAU JACK came into his own again as an outstanding lightweight when he outscored and outmaneuvered Bob Montgomery in one of the fastest and most thrilling battles seen in New York in many months.

The unanimous verdict was hailed by 17,866 customers, who paid $96,873, and carried the New York version of the world lightweight crown, which Montgomery had taken from the Georgian shoe shine boy.

Were it not for the exceptionally fine performance of Sammy Angott in his bout with Slugger White a few weeks previously for the N.B.A. edition of the title, I would not hesitate to agree that Jack is the world champ. But as things stand, Angott and the Beau share the honors as leading contenders. Until they meet, or Angott loses in a lightweight bout, there can be no official champion.



Here is a study in facial expression during a hard fight. The face belongs to Beau Jack. He just has moved back after having landed a right hook to Montgomery's body in their fifteen-round battle in New York.

The Augusta battler, coming in a 16-to-5 underdog and conceded little chance to take the measure of his erstwhile conqueror, fought one of the best and greatest battles of his short but spectacular career. The Georgian, by his excellent performance, enabled the highly tense, cheering throng to be treated to the biggest upset of the year.

Fighting far differently than in his previous encounter with his Philadelphia rival, using speed and a bolo punch that often missed but shook his man when it landed, Jack went after Bob from the opening gong and fought as if his life depended on victory. There was no let-up from bell to bell, except in three rounds in which Montgomery staggered the winner and forced him to cover.

Although Referee Young Otto gave the victor a margin of only one round, seven to six, and two even, the other officials and the majority of scribes and fans put Jack ahead by a much larger round score. Judge Bill Healy gave it ten to four and one even, and Judge Agnello, ten to five for the Augustan. My score had Jack in the lead, ten, four and one even.

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EVEN those who had wagered on Montgomery were satisfied there could have been no other decision. They went home praising the contestants for putting up a sizzling, heart-throbbing scrap, though the action was wholly devoid of science. They admired the pluck of Jack in overcoming the danger of a knockout on several occasions by fighting back in true championship style.

In the fifth, a smashing right-hand cross to Beau's jaw shook him up. The blow sent him almost halfway across the ring into the ropes. He was staggered, and it seemed that he had reached the end. But he fooled Bob and the Garden gathering by weathering the storm. Rallying from that fifth-round shellacking, Jack sailed through the next five heats to add to his lead.

The fourteenth was another wild round for the Beau, and Bob's best. In that session Monty made a desperate effort to score a kayo and had his man wobbly several times. Again the new champion kept on his feet by bobbing, ducking, rolling with punches, and weaving, until the bell came to his rescue.

Bob missed the one chance for a kayo victory. A right to the jaw started the ball rolling. It dazed Jack and he held himself up by grasping the ropes.

Starting the sixth, Jack was jarred with a hard blow to the chin, but he quickly regained his composure and fought like the demon he was before he lost to Montgomery in their first clash. Again in the eighth, Montgomery sent Jack on his heels with an effective right.

In almost every round, Jack displayed amazing energy. He was like a wild jungle cat, determined his prey shouldn't escape him. He had a habit of drawing down the head of his rival by pressure from the left hand and then holding the head, he tossed a dozen or more uppercuts to the jaw before the boys could be separated.

Young Otto never interfered with these holding tactics.

So effective was the attack of Jack in the thirteenth, in which he landed three dozen or more uppercuts and slashed out with full arm rights to the head, that Montgomery gave the impression he was ready to toss up the sponge. It was the only session in which he was punished severely and was on the verge of being battered down.

Jabs that smothered Monty's face, bolo punches that tossed Bob's head upward, uppercuts delivered at a mile-a-minute clip when both were at close range—those were the punches that enabled the Augusta boy to come through with a triumph.

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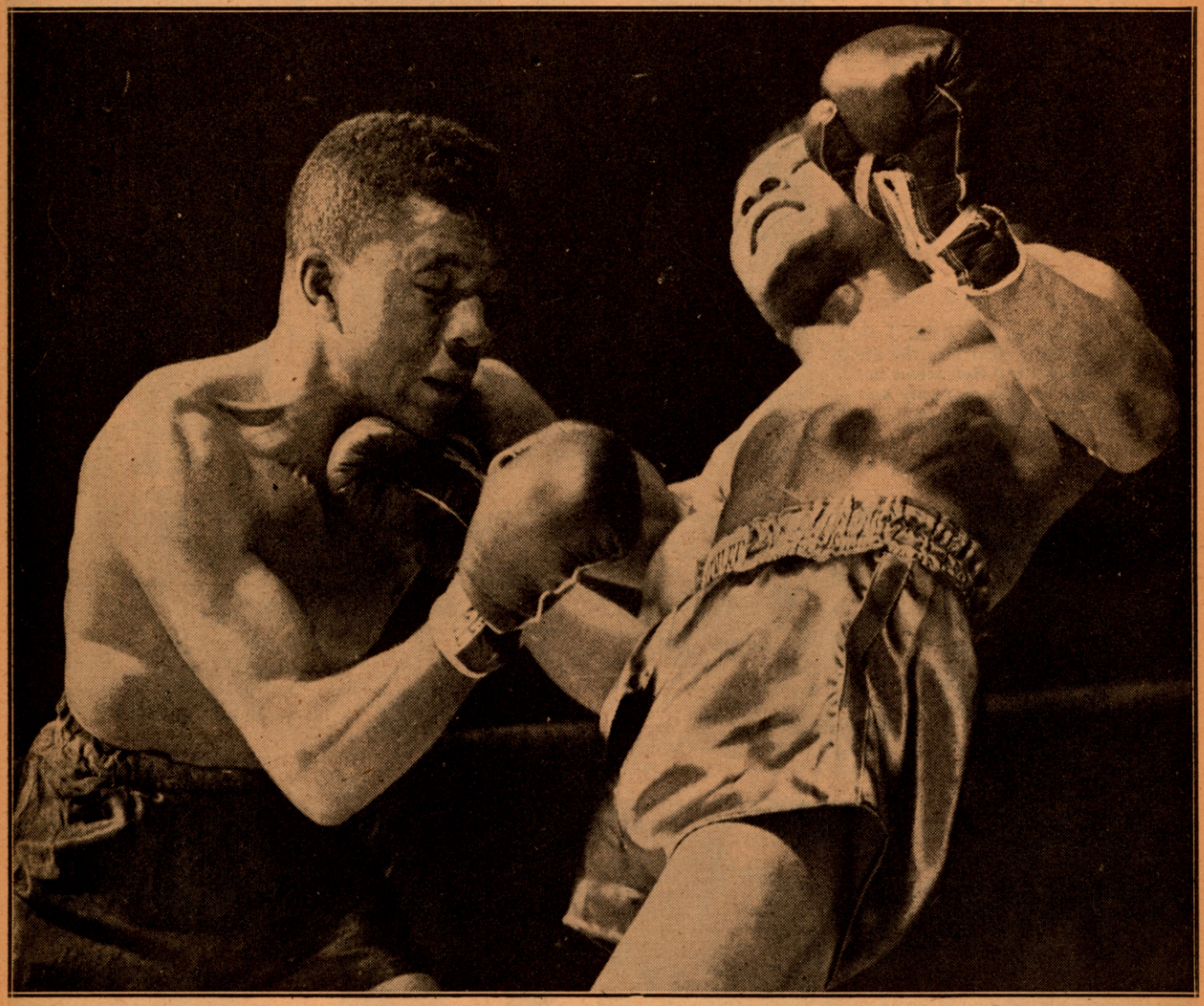
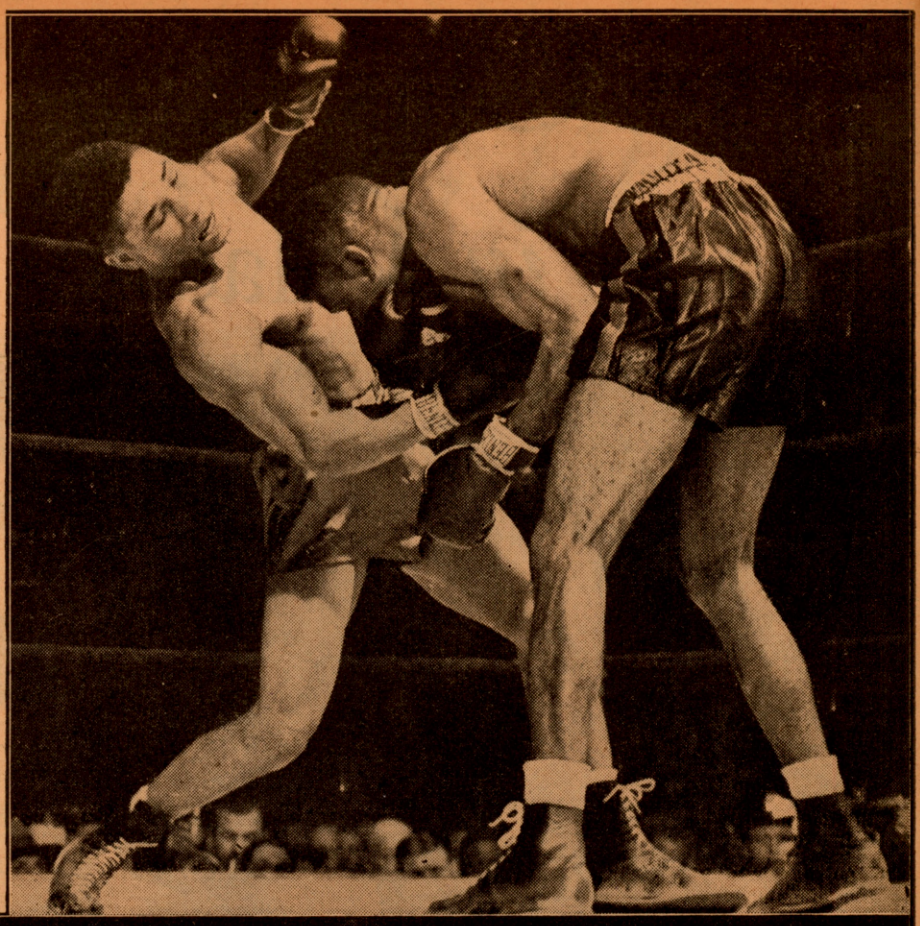


HERE is one of the finest fight pictures turned out in some years and "THE RING" is delighted to give special credit to the Press association. It depicts Beau Jack gliding away from a vicious right swing made by Bob Montgomery in their New York title fight for the lightweight leadership. The camera caught this in the opening round. As the Beau slips away, he crashes a terrific right to Montgomery's throat.

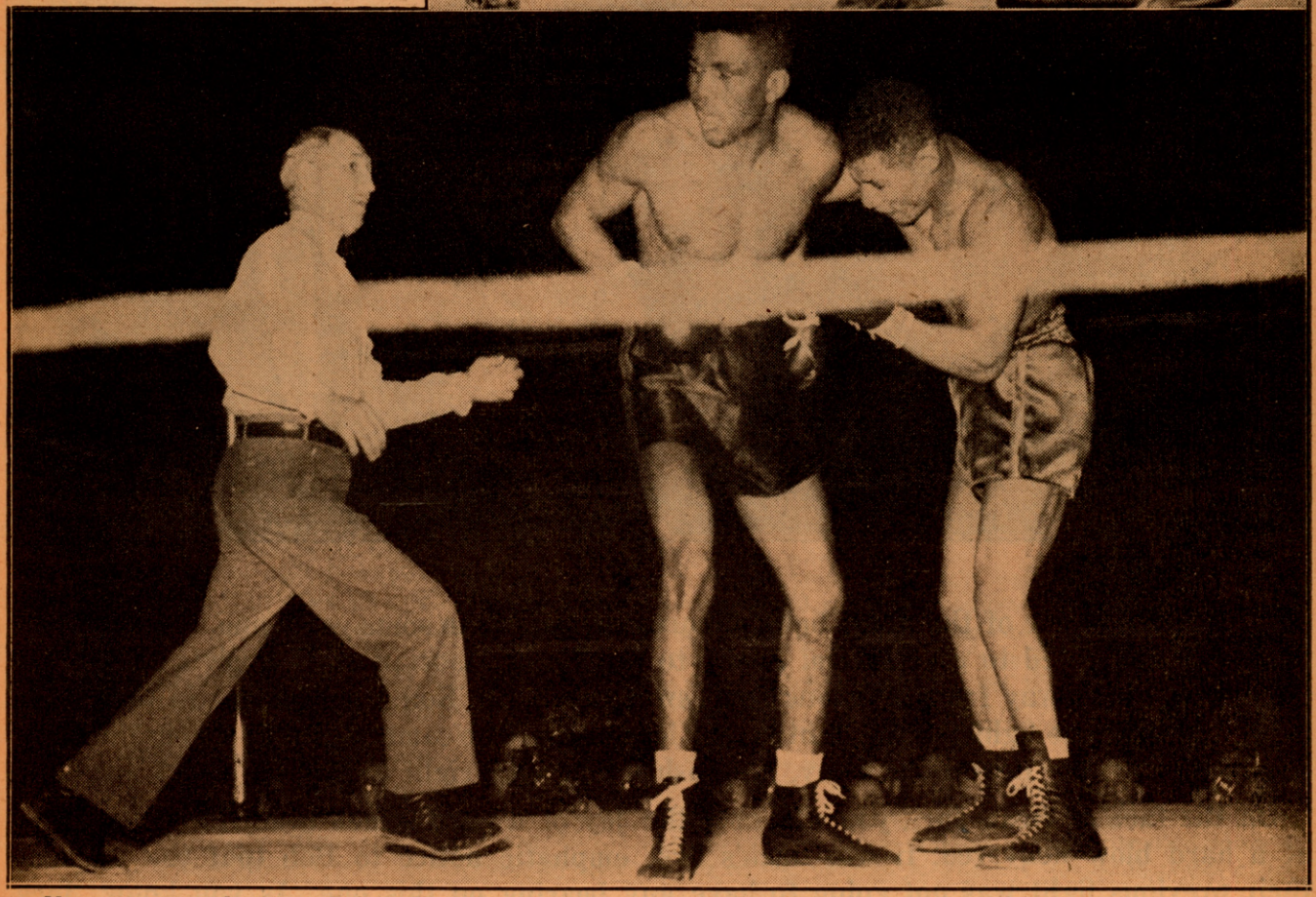
On the face of Beau Jack you will note the joy of a hard punch evaded and the thrill of a hard blow delivered. It was Jack's first emphatic notice to Bob that the issue of their previous fight was not going to have any bearing on this one. As you know, Jack took the decision after 15 rounds of terrific scrapping in as thrilling a battle as has been seen in an American ring since the war opened.

There was action aplenty from gong to gong. Scarcely a let up by either Beau or Bob, a thriller that was a hot reminder of the famous fight between Billy Petrolle and Justo Suarz back in 1931.

JACK SURELY *was the* BEAU



It is yet early in the fight. Jack is shown looping a right into the Montgomery midriff, and Bob seems not to be enjoying it. This was only one of several hundred tossed by the Georgia Shoe Shine kid.



Montgomery complaining to Referee Young Otto, in the eleventh round, that he had been struck low by his Georgia rival.

Monty to discontinue his training. During the layoff of Bob, his rival also suffered an injury when water on the knee caused him to enter the ring with Bobby Ruffin far from in his best condition. Jack lost that fight when the pace set by Ruffin proved too much of a handicap to overcome with the injured knee.

But in his return engagement with Monty, Jack paced himself well and his timing was exceptionally good. His machine gun like jabs and his leaping uppercuts when fighting with one hand free, bewildered his Philadelphia opponent. He swarmed all over Monty in the first two rounds and for a time the spectators figured he would blow the works, as in their previous meeting, by setting too fast an early pace. But this time *(Continued on page* 42)

BARBOUR IMPRESSED WITH FISTIC SKILL

Statesman, Who Recently Died, Was Once American Amateur Heavyweight Champion and Boomed as White Hope Choice to Meet Jack Johnson for World's Title—Family Opposition Prevented Proposed Match

By GEORGE TICKELL

UNITED STATES SENATOR W. WARREN BARBOUR of New Jersey died at his Washington home on the night of November 22, aged fifty-five. An outstanding figure in the Senate and the political life of his state, he was a still more unique personality among Congressmen from the viewpoint of the sports world. Because here was a man who, had he belonged in a humbler social station, might possibly had fought for, and won, the blue ribbon of the professional prize ring—the heavyweight crown!

The Horatio Alger fiction tradition always had its hero starting from the ranks of the Submerged Tenth, overcoming all obstacles, winning golden spurs in commerce by dint of courage, pious living and determination. Never, of course, by the boxing route.

Senator Warren Barbour, who died a few weeks ago, and was one of the greatest amateur heavyweights developed in this country, as he appeared recently in a War Bond drive with Jack Dempsey.

When Alger was writing his all-American-brave-youth-yarns, prize fighting was an illegal game, and its principals entirely beyond the pale of politeness. Later we had the Frank Merriwell stories, framed also on an "up-from-the-depths" motif, but permitting heroes to win fame and dollars as stars of baseball, football, and other athletic pastimes. That meant that the literary bars were being let down a trifle, and in due course of time magazine editors began featuring the exploits of two-fisted lads successfully wooing Dame Fortune with the aid of padded gloves.

Today it's a far different sport atmosphere from the time when W. Warren Barbour, one of the cleverest, hard-hitting amateurs that ever answered the sound of the gong, was being importuned by fight promoters to turn professional and meet Jack Johnson for the title of world's heavyweight champion, then held by the great colored boxer. He might have done so, had he not been born with the legendary "gold spoon in his mouth."

But in 1910 when Barbour won the amateur heavyweight crown, boxing, with gloves, while it had attained the status of legitimate entertainment, was still not a career likely to be followed by the son of a multi-millionaire of high social standing. Had he been poor in this world's goods, he would have been a sure-fire pickup for some far-seeing manager hoping to steer him to the professional championship goal.

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HOWEVER, the Alger-Merriwell buildup didn't apply in his case. There was no social buildup needed, no struggle necessary to score success in a quest for the almighty dollar. In those respects he was already sitting on top of the world. Yet, left to himself, there is little doubt that he would have entered the professional ring. I personally heard Mr. Barbour say so to the late Phocion Howard during a fistic gabfest while en route to the Dempsey-Willard battle at Toledo on July 4, 1919. The ex-amateur heavyweight champ was selected to act as official timekeeper for that historic event by Tex Rickard.

That was the only time he associated himself with the professional game. Parental opposition was the real cause for his refusal to bend a listening ear to the siren songs of the fight promoters who wanted to capitalize on his scientific skill and punching powers. Perhaps it was just as well, for Jack Johnson was then right in his prime and no matter how good an amateur may be it is always a considerable risk to pit him against an experienced pro, even one of second-rate standing. And Johnson was not only a first-rater, but stood head and shoulders over all his pugilistic contemporaries as a betting choice.

Only once in boxing history was an amateur champ given a shot at a title in his first professional engagement. That was in 1892 when Jack Skelly of Brooklyn, head of the amateur featherweight class, took on George Dixon, acknowledged world's king of professional feathers. George had sixty battles and never a defeat on his record. The handicap was far too much for Skelly, good clever kid though he was, and Dixon kayoed him in the eighth round.

However, it will always remain a pleasing possibility that Warren Barbour might have fared better than did Jack Skelly in an invasion of the pro-ring. When he won the amateur heavyweight title in Boston on April 12, 1910, by a clean knockout, he was a trim athlete, over six feet two and one-half inches tall and scaled 204 pounds in fighting togs.

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SUCH men as Charley White and Jim Corbett believed him good enough to fight Johnson, and were not alone among experts in so thinking. While Barbour was training in Jack Cooper's New York gymnasium he asked to have some big man about his own heft brought along to spar with him. Cooper complied by sending for his friend, Jim Corbett.

Jim came in from his country home and put on the gloves with the amateur. Having heard that the aspiring youngster was somewhat of a walloper, Jim was cautious at the start. Then he let himself out, and after a couple of rounds Corbett said frankly that Barbour was a wonderful heavyweight prospect.

Young Barbour's reputation spread far beyond the walls of Cooper's gym and Jim Jeffries tried him out there.

Jeff, just back from a European trip, was soon to meet Johnson at Reno in the fateful battle which resulted so disastrously for the white man's comeback stunt. Jeffries put in a week at Cooper's place loosening up a bit before starting a theatrical tour, prior to going into regular training for Johnson.

The Californian sparred several times with Barbour and was so impressed by the latter's skill that he asked him to join his training camp on the Pacific Coast in the near future. The youth did not accept this invitation, but Jeff's candid endorsement of Warren's prowess naturally boomed his pugilistic stock higher than ever and resulted in Charley White dropping into the gym to look him over.

Nationally famous as a referee and second, White was recognized universally as a keen, unerring judge of fistic material. When Charley first watched Barbour spar, he found it difficult to believe that the young fellow was not boxing for a living, his finished style, footwork and ability to take a hard punch and deliver one striking the veteran's fancy as being strictly professional.

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IT was on Cooper's advice that Barbour decided to enter the amateur tournament at Boston. Jack got Charley White to handle the big chap in the ring as chief second, and the trio went to the City of Culture. The newspapers there had already printed several yarns about the New York lad. Some writers dubbed him "The Millionaire Kid," and the moniker stuck.

Tex Rickard, promoter, who appointed Warren Barbour the official timer for the Willard-Dempsey bout.

Mechanic's Building was packed to capacity on the opening night of the tournament, with some seven thousand ardent fans anxious to see the much publicized New Yorker in action. On that occasion Barbour and Emory Payne drew a bye, and didn't have to perform. Kendall Salisbury of Massachusetts whipped the Canadian champion, and Joe Burke of the same state stopped Mullins of New York.

On the second night Burke and Payne came together. This was a fast, slugging match which terminated in the second frame, when Burke, a bull-rushing Celt, hung a terrific right on his opponent's jaw. Then Barbour ducked under the ropes to face New England's champ, Kendall Salisbury.

Somehow a sobriquet such as "Millionaire Kid" doesn't make for popularity with a fight mob. Barbour hadn't desired any ring alias of the kind, and wasn't feeling any too grateful to the newspaper scribe who conferred it on him. The crowd expected Salisbury to score an easy victory and indulged in many rough jests and catcalls touching on the Manhattan boy's possible ancestry and financial status, as might have been expected. However, Warren kept his temper and only grinned. He wasn't the type that's easily flustered, anyway.

"Keep this chap at long range and box him, don't slug," said White to his principal.

Barbour did just what he was told. His long left was perpetually in Salisbury's face, which was badly cut up before the second round was over. He practically jabbed his opponent to a near-standstill, without sustaining any damage himself, and was awarded the decision.

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BUT the big test for Barbour was yet to come. After fifteen minutes' rest, he stepped into the ring with Burke, the Wild Irishman of established kayo fame.

"Box this bird just like you did Salisbury, till I tell you to cut loose," said White. "When he tears in, sidestep and make him miss!"

Again Barbour followed instructions to the letter. He stepped nimbly to the left as Burke rushed, swinging a futile right. His left counters kept Burke's head bobbing back incessantly, and try as he might, the Celt could not get to close quarters with his elusive antagonist.

But in the second round, Barbour failed to evade a buzzing right that nailed him flush on the chin and dropped him. In falling, he caught Burke round the waist and pulled him down with him. Burke was up first, and Warren's father and brother, watching from a front row seat must have felt more than a trifle anxious.

Their misgivings were short-lived. Barbour, in response to a signal from White, had merely rested on one knee for a few seconds until his head cleared. It is at a time like this that a boxer shows if he has the real fighting instinct—the ability to keep cool under fire. That is every bit as essential to ring success as the ability to give and take it. There was nothing lacking in Barbour's fighting makeup.

When he regained his feet, Burke tore in madly. He was met by a jab that set him back to the ropes. Then the bell rang just as a stinging left hook to the jaw made the Irishman's knees buckle. Back in the corner White gave Barbour the office in exultant tones:

"You've got him loaded on your little red wagon now, boy. Go in an' take him with both mitts!"

The gong sent Barbour leaping forward like a springing leopard. Burke, always game, met him halfway, and they went into a furious mixup. Right and left the gloves whizzed, but the Celt was continually being beaten to the punch. Barbour's left crashed on his chin and down went Burke. Up he staggered and ran into a short right that dropped him again. He arose weak and groggy. Barbour stabbed him off with a straight left, measured his man, and tagged a terrific right uppercut full on the chin. Burke keeled over and fell face downward on the canvas.

He was through for the night, nor did he regain consciousness for nearly ten minutes. "The Millionaire Kid" had made good, and the jeers that marked his first entry into the ring had changed to a storm of frantic applause which shook the building.

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THE echoes of those wild cheers had not died away before Colonel William Barbour, wealthy Gotham thread merchant, leaped through the ropes to congratulate his son. Later that night the proud father threw a party for the visiting New Yorkers at the Hotel Touraine where there was much feast and merriment, with Charley White, sage old fox of the squared circle, as master of ceremonies.

But the elder Barbour, honestly enthusiastic over Warren's victory, took time off from the scene of celebration long enough to slip to a telephone and call up his bosom friend, Wilbur F. Wakeman, head of the American Protective Tariff League.

"Hello! Is that you, Wakeman?" boomed the Colonel's deep voice. "This is Barbour. I just wanted to let you know my son won the national amateur heavyweight championship. Sure, I was there. How do I feel about it? Say, take off a couple of days and come and see me, so I can do the subject justice. This is one time when I feel like painting the old town red!"

Right here, however, it may be interjected that all the Colonel's pride in his boy's kayo exploit didn't incline him to the notion of Warren making a professional debut. That was a horse of an

Tom O'Rourke, manager of Joe Walcott and George Dixon, who sought to have Barbour, "The Millionaire Kid," turn pro, but without success.

altogether different color. When the promotorial rush for the younger Barbour's fighting services commenced, as it did immediately after the Boston affair, there was nothing doing. The head of the House of Barbour had other plans in view for his son and heir.

Those plans didn't include professional prize ring activities. Money was no object to a Barbour, and enough had already been done to stamp Warren as a fistic star, unstained, however, by the unsocial smudge of commercialism. Tex Rickard, after one attempt to lure young Barbour under his managerial wing, admitted defeat and gave up the idea. It was his first contact, and his last, with a chap who could slug, take it, and loom up as a big gate attraction; and yet scorn all offers to make capital out of his athletic talents.

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NOR was Tom O'Rourke, as crafty a fistic impresario as ever lived, any more successful than Tex in coaxing W. Warren Barbour into the pro-limelight. Not that Tom hadn't a bright notion in stock. He visualized a ten-round bout between Johnson and Barbour, wherein the colored champion would be paid a certain sum, and his opponent accept something in the jewelry line—a golden cup, watch, or some other trinket as reward for trading wallops—thereby preserving his amateur status.

This idea was not quite original with O'Rourke. He simply adopted a British dodge of getting around the obstacle of matching up an amateur with a crack professional, without the "gentleman" boxer suffering loss of social caste. Tom was over in England in 1894, trying to make an engagement for his star Negro boy, George Dixon, with the best of the English feathers. Four years before, Dixon had clinched his right to the world's bantam title by stopping Nunca Wallace of England at the famous old London Pelican Club.

After which Dixon had gone on from victory to victory, graduated into the featherweight class and became king of that division. O'Rourke's quest for a match for George before the National Sporting Club of London was in vain. None of the British feathers cared to take on the little colored wonder, at that particular time. But he stuck around long enough in England to see Frank Craig, the "Harlem Coffee Cooler," another clever American colored boxer, go down the line whipping one English middleweight fighter after another in swift knockouts.

Craig scored seven kayoes in quick succession over the best men Albion could send against him. The hard hitter from Harlem seemed to be invincible so far as professional opponents in the middleweight division were concerned. Joe Steers was then amateur middleweight champ of England. He was an exceedingly clever scientist who had beaten everyone in his class, and even stopped heavyweights who tried conclusions with him.

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ENGLISH boxing experts figured that Steers was their only hope to halt the triumphal march of the "Coffee Cooler" and put Joe against him. The executives of the National Sporting Club contacted Steers and begged that he turn professional and take on Craig. But Steers, like many crack British amateurs, was strongly averse to entering the pro-ranks. Money couldn't tempt him. He wasn't the scion of a wealthy family, like Barbour, but he was well enough fixed to be able to laugh at the offer of a five thousand dollar purse to box Craig, and that was big dough in those days.

Over here, when an amateur cops a title it isn't long before he steps out of the amateur ranks and goes after the big money. In England a great many amateurs stick to the amateur game and keep out of the pro-lineup. It has always been that way, with the result that the chaps who box only for medals and the glory of winning in Britain, are often battle-scarred veterans with many years' active service between the ropes to their credit.

About seven years ago a contingent of English amateur boxers came to New York and were pitted against the best we could offer. The result wasn't flattering for us, because the Britons went back home with Yankee scalps hanging to their belts. But the reason was that every manjack of the invaders was a tried and hard-bitten performer in the ring. One had been boxing for twelve years, and most of his comrades weren't very far behind him in that respect. They were all ring-wise, whereas our lads were very shy on experience in comparison with their opponents.

IF Steers had been scrapping only a short while it would have been absurd to think of stacking him up against a puncher like the "Harlem Coffee Cooler," victor in at least thirty-five professional battles. But Joe's list of amateur victories numbered over forty. It was no wonder that the aristocratic members of the National Club picked him to fight the all-conquering brunette from America. But Steers remained adamant to all pleadings to hit the "filthy lucre" trail; even for the boxing honor of Old England.

But a solution to the perplexing problem was found, when somebody suggested that Joe might consent to accept a gold cup to box four rounds with the Cooler, the latter being paid for his services. And Steers would thereby preserve his amateur status, no matter what happened to him in the ring. Steers okayed this proposition. So did the Cooler, who agreed that one hundred pounds (five hundred dollars in American money) was a fair enough price for trimming a cocky amateur.

And so it was arranged. The bout was announced as a sparring exhibition, but it developed into a hard and fast four-rounder, in which both men gave all they had. It was also an unpleasant surprise for Craig. For Steers was possessed of a beautiful straight left that brought Frank up short every time he rushed. The Britain was a clean, accurate counter-hitter, equipped with a short right cross that had dynamite behind it.

Craig boxed in a crouching attitude which had puzzled every Englishman he fought. But Steers straightened him up with well-timed uppercuts. Before two rounds had passed the Cooler was bleeding profusely from mouth and nose, with Steers unmarked. In the third frame, a short chopping right to the chin nearly floored Craig, who went on the defensive.

In the final round the Negro made a desperate attempt to turn the tide and landed one overhand right to the jaw that staggered the Englishman. But Steers clinched, broke, and resumed his jabbing tactics with such success that the call of time found him far ahead on points. There was,

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Hitting the Spotlight

By FRED EISENSTADT

Mike Bulik, New York welterweight.

MIKE BULIK

THE trouble with Mike Bulik until recently, has been that he did not take his boxing seriously. Fisticuffing was fun to Mike. A clever boxer, he could step around a man and hit him almost at will. He found that amusing. He found being punched nearly as amusing. Bulik is by nature a happy-go-lucky sort of fellow.

Perhaps it is the shortage of fistic talent that has made Mike take the business of Sock-and-Block more seriously for it puts him in a position to make some real money.

In a recent battle with Phil Norman, Bulik proved that not only can he box but that he can punch as well. Giving the Negro an unmerciful beating, Mike dropped him four times in the first heat and twice in the second round—then the referee halted the mêlée. Bulik has also gained victories over Johnny Jones, Tuffy Baglino, Leon Anthony and 22 other good scrappers in the pro ranks.

Born in Czechoslovakia on Nov. 21, 1919, Mike came to the United States when he was two years old. A fall, at that time, caused the loss of his speech. At the age of seven he lost his hearing. At St. Joseph's School for the Deaf, Bulik was a good baseball and football player. He won medals as a one-mile track star. He was also an expert basketball player, and competed in other athletic enterprises.

After he graduated in 1940, Mike went up to the Gramercy Gym to watch the boys working out in the ring. Presently he explained (via written note), that he desired to become a boxer. After a tryout, during which he boxed rings around a pretty good fighter, Harry Davidow and Custer D'Amato decided to handle the deaf-mute.

As a simon-pure, Bulik won 35 out of 40 contests—annexing the open lightweight Metropolitan title. Turning pro 18 months ago, Mike has taken part in 27 ring engagements to date.

An expert bobber-and-weaver, Mike generally thrills the fans by the way he makes his opponent miss punches. A tireless battler, Bulik enjoys a good fight.

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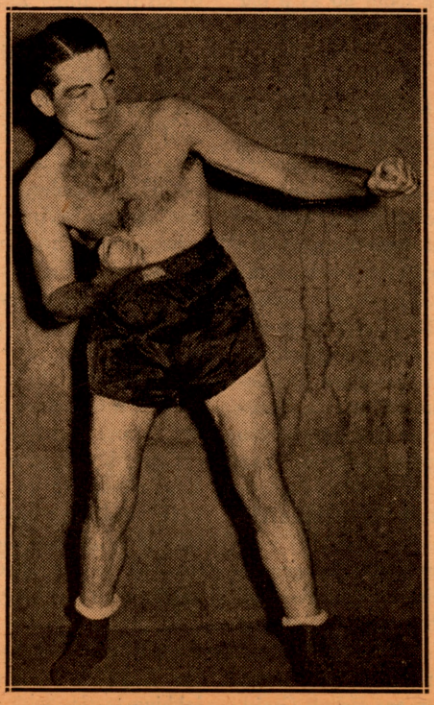
BILLY MILLER

LAWRENCEVILLE, PA., the cradle of many good fighters, is all het up over the fine comeback of one of its lads, Billy Miller. Billy, who is not a newcomer, but was idle for two years before deciding to get back in fistic harness because of war conditions, has rolled up seven straight in the featherweight ranks. When one considers the calibre of the boys he has faced, his record for the year speaks well of his ability. Here are the names of those he has whipped up to this writing:

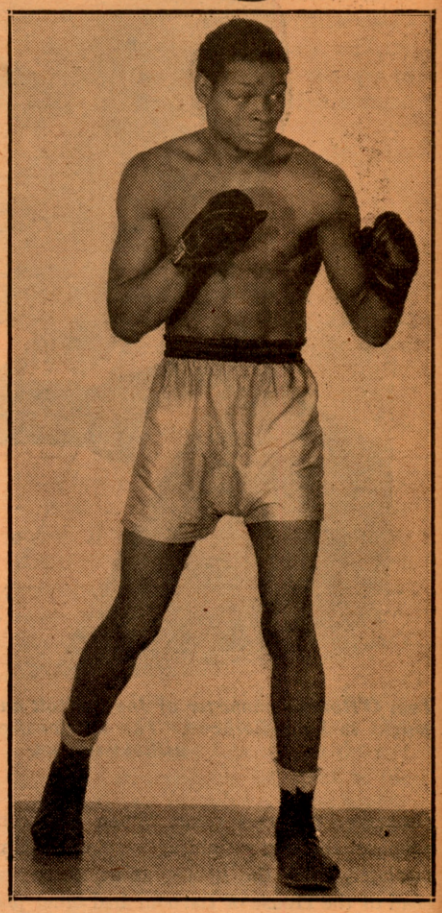
Bobby Woods, K.O. 5; Jose Domingo Rozo, K.O., 5; Lester Young, W., 8; Red Guggino, W., 8; Bobby McIntire, K.O., 3; Angelo Callura, W., 10, and Johnny Cockfield, K.O., 10.

Like many other hometown fighters, Billy had to make the grade outside of his own city. Harry Pitler, his manager, points with pride to the record of his charge and says that Miller has displayed sufficient ability to warrant consideration for top-notch booking.

Miller is 25 years old and turned pro six years ago, after putting in two years as an amateur for the Pittsburgh Boys' Club. Even during his long layoff, he would train almost daily to keep in trim. He has two beautiful children, Elise, four, and Patricia, two. He drives a truck for a defense plant.



Billy Miller, who is making a good comeback.



Joe Carter, star middleweight of Rome, N.Y.

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JOE BENNETT

IN December, 1942, a tall, light-colored Negro came into Bobby Gleason's gymnasium and, seeking out Bobby, said: "I want to be a fighter."

Gleason looked him over, then asked: "Ever do any boxing?"

"Not unless you call boxing foolin' around with boxing gloves," was the reply.

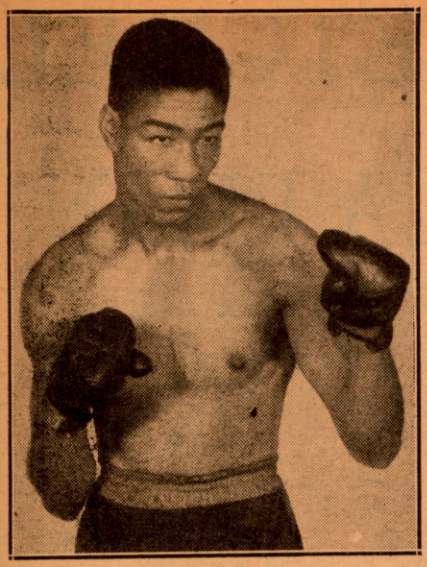
"What's your name?" was the next question.

"Joe Bennett."

"Mind if I give you a tryout, Joe?" And Bobby went about arranging for it without waiting for an answer, choosing as Bennett's opponent a rugged middleweight who knew his business.

The two men squared off and the set-to had not gone a full round before Gleason realized that he had acquired a lad who possessed pugilistic possibilities. He watched Joe circle about his foe, jabbing him silly. The newcomer hooked well and soon had his man groggy. Gleason called a halt, told Bennett to stop shining shoes and report to the gym every day and polish up on his boxing.

Gleason, an old-time fighter himself and



Joe Bennett, hard-hitting middleweight.

now manager of the N.B.A. featherweight champion, Phil Terranova, supervised the gym work of the 21-year-old ex-shoe shiner. In less than two months of preparation, he entered his new protege in the Golden Gloves tournament. That was at the start of 1943. Joe ran up a score of 15 victories out of 16 starts, grabbing the Golden Gloves middleweight title—though he scaled only 150 pounds.

Turning pro on April 20, 1943, Bennett kayoed Eddie Griffin in five heats. Next, he all but wrecked a chap who battles under the name of Shipwreck Jackson, stopping him in three rounds. Four days later, he administered a trouncing to R. J. Lewis, the contest going eight thrill-packed stanzas. Two weeks later he defeated Johnny Morris in eight heats.

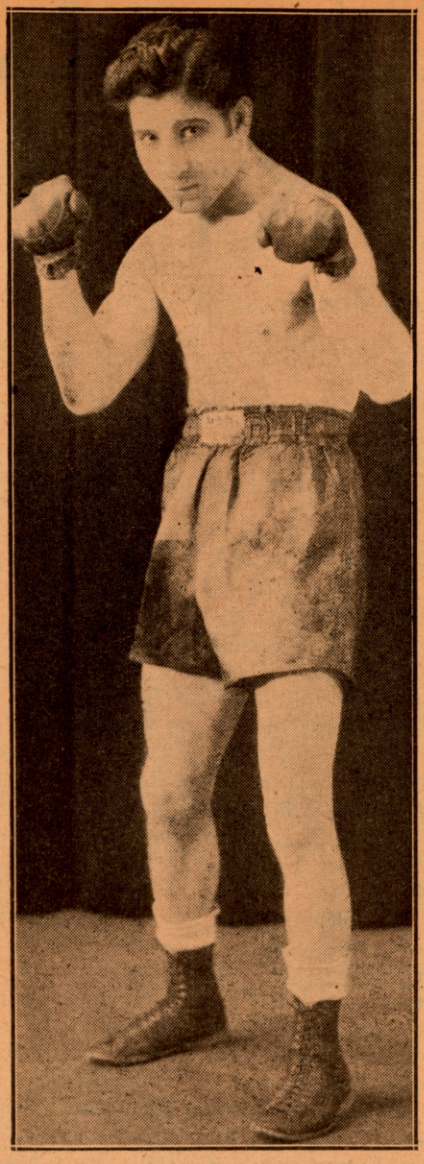
Next he polished off Joe Bowers in one round. Joe then fought a real good fighter, Joe Reddick, winning over him in a six-round battle that called for a return match. This time Reddick nosed out the fast, hard-punching Bennett in a sanguinary eight-rounder that had the fans leaping in the air and yelling themselves hoarse.

On September 28, Joe starched R. J. Lewis once more—this time in five heats. It took Bennett four rounds to put Jiggs Donohue down for the count on October 22, and only four days later, he put the snore on Verne Patterson in seven rounds. The latter has beaten such worthies as Larney Moore, Willie Cheatum, Johnny Brown, Jerry Fiorello and other seasoned boxers.

On November 9, Bennett fought a slashing ten-round draw with Jerry Maloni, as tough a scrapper as they come. A week later he repeated his kayo over Verne Patterson—accomplishing it in only three heats this time. His most recent victory was over the rugged Jerry Maloni.

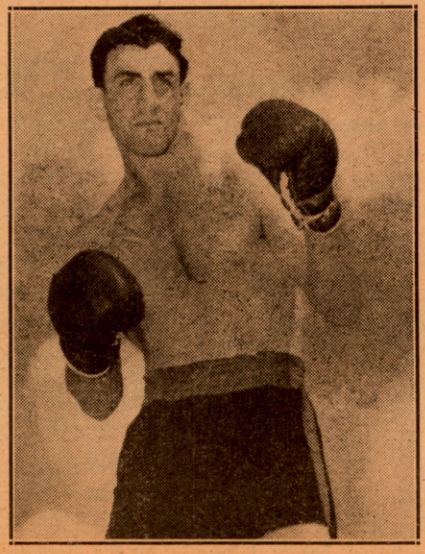
That Joe Bennett is going places in the fight game is indicated by his brilliance in so short a career. In twelve contests staged in only eight months, he has scored seven kayoes and lost only one close battle. His last six fights were main events.

Bennett is a speedy, hard-fighting scrapper. For a lad of such limited ring experience, Joe is a singularly clever boxer. He wields a swift left jab and shoots a snappy

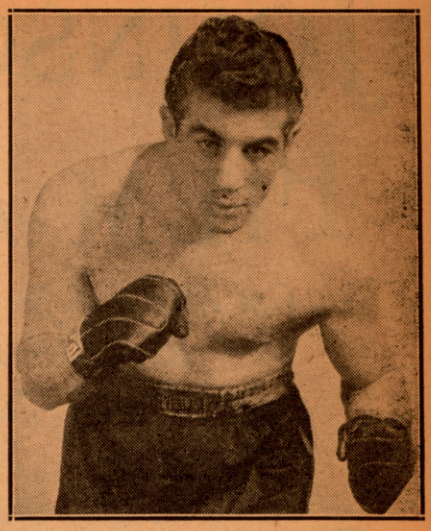


Rocky Progano, a promising featherweight.

right. He has an instinctive way of avoiding punches and leaping at his foe with catlike agility. The January, 1944, issue of THE RING lists Joe as being the outstanding middleweight prospect.



Cpl. Joe Muscato of Buffalo, rugged heavyweight, stationed at Camp Hood.



Larry Anzalone, a tough middleweight.

ROCKY PROGANO

A SOLID little bundle of fighting fury—that's featherweight Rocky Progano. What he lacks in stature, he makes up with courage and aggressiveness. Not yet having acquired the scientific angles of fistiana, Progano has to rely upon crude fighting to carry him through until he absorbs the finer points. He's determined to become proficient and is progressing rapidly.

Born in Girifalco, Italy, on February 19, 1920, Rocky finished high school and came here, settling in Stamford, Conn., where he attended high school for a year. He went to work for a hardware manufacturing concern, but his interest in fisticuffs decided him upon making the prize ring his career.

His friend, Tony Signoretti, trained him at the Y.M.C.A. for three weeks, then entered him in an amateur tournament. Later, under the guidance of Homer Foglio, Progano won nine of his ten A.A.U. contests. Turning pro under the management of George Rushmere in New York, he won eight bouts, fought two draws and lost two dukes.

Rocky is now being handled by Andy Alberti, under whose care he has won two six-round battles. His trainer is Chick Ferrara.

A vicious little scrapper, Progano is able to take a good punch and come back fighting like a wounded tiger. He tosses a dangerous left hook to the head and does well at infighting.

All he lacks is proper pacing, and he will become a dangerous foe for anyone in the featherweight class.

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LARRY ANZALONE

RECENTLY, after fighting the tough, hard-punching Joe Agosta six hectic rounds to a draw at Madison Square Garden, Larry Anzalone was prepared to have a rest of several weeks. However, three days later, after a good supper, Larry went to the St. Nick's to see the fights. Asked to sub against Leon Anthony for a boxer who'd failed to show up, Anzalone promptly accepted.

At the bell, Larry met the colored fighter

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JOHNSON *vs.* KETCHEL FILM *is* REVELATION

Old Movie of Jack's 12-Round Knockout Triumph in 1909 Brings Back Memories of Stan's Defeat in What May Have Started Out to Be an "Agreement"

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

IN our more or less methodical ramble through the fistic corridors of Time, we now come to one of the most interesting fights in the brighter annals of the ring. It is the engagement in which Jack Johnson knocked out Stanley Ketchel at Colma, Cal., on October 16, 1909, in the twelfth round.

The contest takes on a fresh interest because the motion picture story is told all over again in a new great motion picture feature "Kings of the Ring," a thrilling two hour sound film of famous fights which is about to be released by Martin J. Lewis and Erwin A. Lesser, New York distributors to the theaters throughout the world. This movie features the highlights of standout battles since it became the practice to film fights, and will prove the most interesting thing of its kind yet displayed. The script and narration are by Nat Fleischer, Editor of THE RING.

There has been a lot of argument over the Johnson-Ketchel fight—debate as to the weights, discussion as to when and how the Negro actually disposed of the middleweight king.

The pictures prove that in the twelfth round, Ketchel landed a right to the Negro's head, and Jack sank to the canvas. However, he was not too badly stunned. He soon knew exactly what he was doing and was in full possession of his faculties.

Johnson quickly jumped up, met the Assassin's rush, swung a right from the hip, and hit Ketchel so hard, Stanley went out for exactly 14 minutes. Down on his back fell Ketchel as he felt the impact of that terrific right—on his back, with his arms outstretched.

They carried Ketchel from the ring and worked over him for what seemed an interminable time. Then the debate started.

With what had Ketchel dropped Johnson in the twelfth? Ringsiders could not agree. The round-by-round accounts said merely, "Ketchel swung one around Jack's neck."

The "Kings of the Ring" film shows that Johnson was struck behind the ear, over the mastoid bone.

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THE round-by-round story says, "Johnson leaped to his feet." Jack did nothing of the sort. The movie proves that he landed on all fours, that he had been hurt, that he raised himself very carefully and deliberately, that he turned clear over. By that time his brain had cleared and he jumped up to meet the white boxer's onrush.

Johnson swung so hard for the knockout that he followed right through with the punch and fell clear over Ketchel. Jack got up, looked at Stan, and walked off. He knew the fight was finished.

The pictures of the engagement prove that in the early rounds Johnson did not over-exert himself. This led to a lot of talk that the fight had been prearranged.

Johnson wore down the lighter man. Ketchel kept wasting his strength in these close-in exchanges. The pictures show him exerting himself to the extreme, while Johnson barely takes advantage of chances to dig in while they are in clinches. Johnson was a clever fighter, taking full advantage of his weight.

There was a discrepancy of 25 pounds between Jack and Stan. Johnson came in at 205½ and Ketchel at only 180¼.

When Jack signed up for this fight, he regarded it as a cinch. He was inclined to do little training for it.

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THE attitude of the Negro champion was known to gamblers in the West and they went hook, line and sinker on Ketchel. They made all sorts of financial promises to him, and got the Pole all hopped up on his chances.

"Johnson thinks you are a setup and won't train," they told Ketchel. "He will be flabby, all out of shape, overconfident. Here is the greatest chance in the history of the ring. Stop him and a fortune is yours!"

Later on a similar psychology on the part of Johnson led to his knockout by Jess Willard in Havana.

In any event, when Ketchel came into that ring in Colma, labelled the greatest fighting machine ever seen at 180 pounds, there was wild cheering. When Johnson entered the roped square, he was welcomed with hoots.

Johnson merely smiled, and showed all his gold teeth. He kept right on smiling until Ketchel knocked him down in the twelfth, and then Johnson became grim, and for the first time really determined.

Ketchel was so determined, he kept falling over from his own missed swings. Three times did this happen.

Johnson delivered uppercuts, he walloped his kidneys, he kept jabbing a left into the Assassin's face.

As early as the second round, Ketchel was downed by a short right to the jaw. But he came back with three straight lefts, then a left to the body and a left to the jaw, as the bell rang.

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THE film shows that Ketchel's percentage of located targets was very low. He landed about one out of 10 shots. But that did not discourage the determined Pole. He knew he needed only one drive to end it, and he was counting on that, just so long as he was in there swinging.

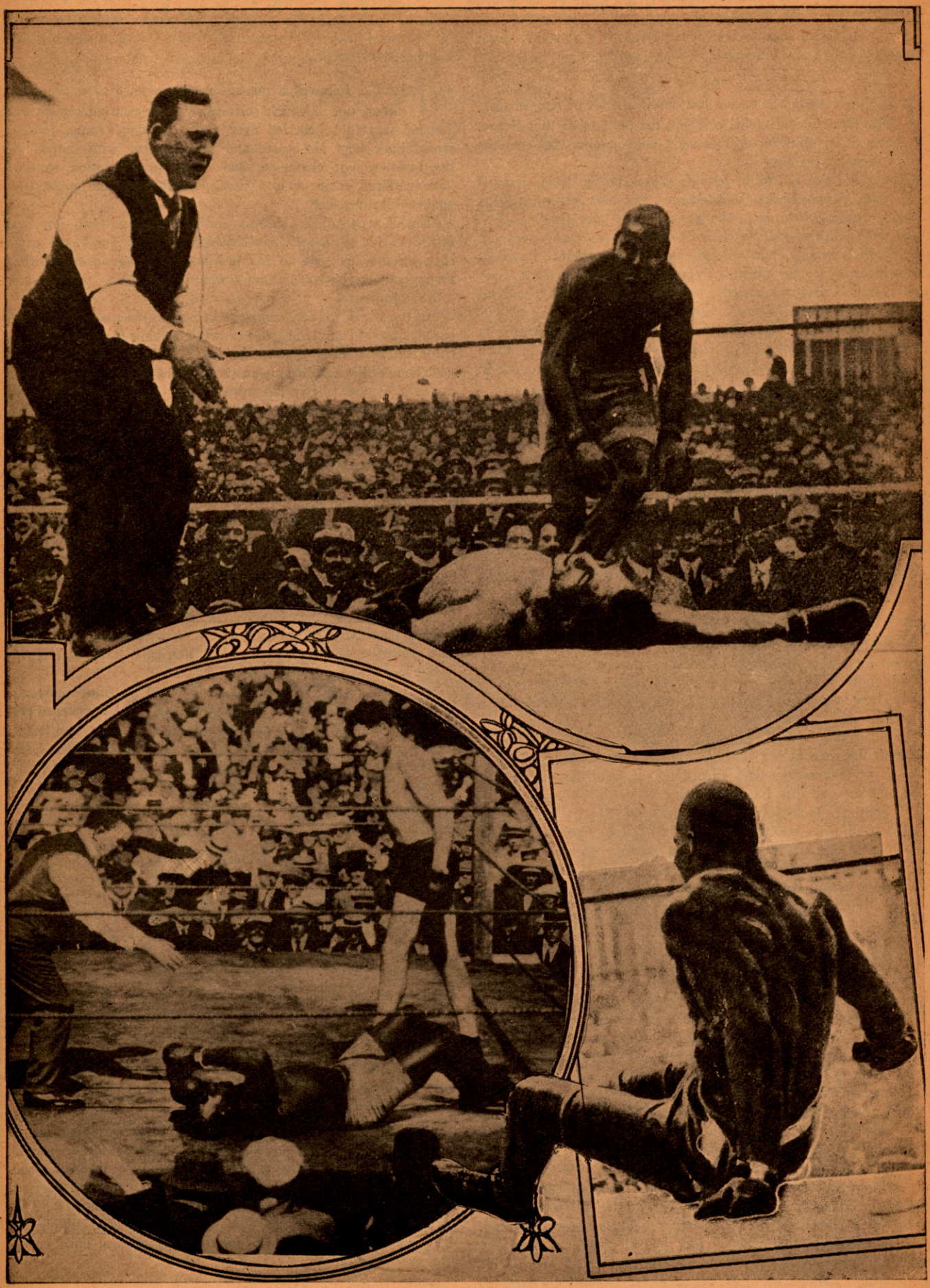
He swung and he swung and twice almost went out of the ring as he missed. Now and then Jack rushed him, and with that advantage of 25 pounds, he twice bowled his man over without even landing a punch.

There was considerable excitement in the tenth round. Ketchel rushed the Negro all over the ring and then landed a terrific right to the body. But Jack refused to get excited. In a clinch he lifted Stan clear off the canvas with only one arm, and carried him to the center of the ring, where he deposited him.

However, that right hook to the body hurt Johnson. Suddenly he realized that this 180-pound cowboy could sock, and might win. So Jack began to arouse himself.

In the eleventh round, Ketchel threw all caution to the winds. He knew he could not last much longer as his 25 pound handicap was tremendous. Besides, there apparently were "angles."

WHEN JOHNSON HIT *the* CANVAS



Top—Johnson about to stumble over fallen body of Stanley Ketchel whom he knocked cold in twelfth round. Bottom (left) The Galveston Giant shadowing his eyes as referee counts him out in bout with Jess Willard at Havana in which Jack lost the heavyweight title. (Right) Johnson landing on his seat after Ketchel let go a right swing.

Ketchel again shook Johnson with a terrific right swing, which raised a lump on Jack's jaw.

Had that punch been several inches lower, it might have made Stanley Ketchel the heavyweight champion.

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THAT eleventh was one of the classic rounds of ring history. The film shows Ketchel carrying the fight to the big Negro. It shows Stan following up that right with another that sent the 205½ pounder reeling.

Jack could not afford to let this go on, so he drove Ketchel back with vicious hooks. Jack charged and bore his man down. Stan got up and held on to the gong. Ketchel was tired.

In the twelfth round, Ketchel dashed from his corner, without any fiddling around, and charged into Johnson before he could leave his corner. They clinched. Johnson broke away and got clear, and just then Ketchel landed that blow to the mastoid, and set up the grand finale of a great fight.

It is interesting to note that before the fight with Johnson, in 1909, Ketchel had stopped Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in three heats in Philadelphia, and had beaten Billy Papke in 20 rounds in Colma.

Ketchel had regained the middleweight title from Papke on November 26, 1908, knocking him out in 11 rounds. That was in San Francisco. On September 8, at Los Angeles, Papke had taken the championship by stopping Stan in 12 rounds.

Ketchel, born September 14, 1887, at Grand Rapids, was Stanislaus Kiecal. He was destined to survive his knockout by Johnson only one year less a day.

On October 15, 1910, on a farm at Conway, Mo., Ketchel was shot and killed by Walter Dipley, who had gone berserk. Thus Ketchel lived to be only 23 years old. He started fighting in 1903.

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THERE is among the cognoscenti of the ring a coterie of Ketchel-ophilies who will insist that in all the history of boxing there never was a man weighing Ketchel's poundage who could punch with Stan. However, this coterie, headed now by Hype Igoe, the New York fight expert, perhaps overlooks Bob Fitzsimmons.

In connection with the stories of a frameup which were prevalent at the time of the Johnson-Ketchel engagement, we would like to present some angles turned up by Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of THE RING Magazine, as follows:—

"I consider Jack Johnson's knockout of Stanley Ketchel at Colma, California, on October 16, 1909, in twelve rounds, the outstanding tribute to Johnson's hitting powers. He scored many kayoes during his career, despite the prevalence of the altogether unfounded legend that he wasn't much of a puncher, but the outing of Ketchel was the most convincing proof of the stunning power of Jack's massive right fist.

"Ketchel was then middleweight champion. Johnson was recognized king of the heavyweights by his kayo victory over Tommy Burns in Australia, in 1908, although he had yet to clinch universal recognition by defeating Jeffries' come-back attempt.

"Excepting for Sam Langford, the middleweight field had been thoroughly cleaned up by Ketchel. Langford was bad medicine, and Stanley's wise manager steered his fighter clear of Sam, until 1910, when the two boxed a six-round no decision bout at Philadelphia, which had all the earmarks of a phony.

"So, matches in his own class that were financially worth while, were none too plentiful for Ketchel. In similar fashion, Johnson had eliminated most of the worth-while heavies, and was looking forward to his match with Jeffries.

"Johnson and Ketchel were the top-notch drawing cards of that period. It was evident that a match between the pair would draw, even with Ketchel under a big weight, height and reach handicap. The fans believed that Ketchel had a good chance to kayo any man, no matter how big, that Stanley could land one of his devastating wallops on. For that matter, Ketchel believed so himself.

"But Ketchel's wily manager, Willus Britt, while he wanted a Johnson match as a good commercial proposition, was far too crafty a judge of scrapping material to figure that his man could whip a super-heavy like Johnson. That same opinion was held by the wise boxing critics of California who disliked to see Ketchel slaughtered.

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"THERE followed a managerial conference as to ways and means, out of which perhaps, was born an agreement that Ketchel was to be carried over a fifteen round route. Johnson would have kept his word, and been content with outpointing the middleweight champion, and Stanley's reputation wouldn't have suffered from such a result, considering the great odds against him physically.

"But Ketchel's belief in his ability to bring down any man in the world, no matter how big he was, if he could once put a sock on his jaw, led to his undoing. Johnson boxed skilfully throughout eleven rounds, but made no attempt to throw across a dynamic punch.

"In the twelfth, Jack, confident in his supremacy, and sparring perhaps a trifle carelessly, left a sweet opening for a crack at his chin. Ketchel's sharp eye noted this.

"The middleweight champion shot a right on the jaw with every ounce of strength he could muster. The punch knocked Johnson off his feet and his stern hit the floor with a thud.

"The referee had scarcely time to elevate his hand and begin the count, before Jack came back into action. He was frantically angry at being double-crossed and suffering the ignominy of a knockdown, and his eyes fairly blazed with concentrated venom.

"Ketchel, seeing him get up so quickly, may have figured that Jack was dazed and consequently too rattled to stay down and recuperate for a few seconds. The middleweight champion dashed in to follow up his seeming success.

"As Stanley rushed forward, Johnson brought a swinging right uppercut from his hip. It was delivered with the full weight of his muscular body behind it. Ketchel ducked right into that pile-driving punch, which landed squarely on his mouth, lifted him a foot from the canvas, and deposited him in a heap, flat on his back, knocked as cold as a frozen mackerel.

"Fourteen minutes elapsed before Ketchel regained consciousness. It was one of the most viciously delivered knockouts ever seen in a ring. When they removed Johnson's gloves, two broken teeth were found sticking in the right mitt, mute witnesses to the terrific punching power of the heavyweight champion."

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HERE is the round-by-round story of the Johnson-Ketchel contest:

ROUND ONE—Johnson sent left to stomach. Ketchel tried right and landed on shoulder. Johnson put straight left on face three times. Ketchel swung right on ribs and left to forehead. They clinched. Johnson put in two straight lefts and blocked a left to stomach. Then Johnson scored with two more lefts. Ketchel drove the left to stomach.

ROUND TWO—Ketchel blocked a straight left and clinched. Johnson missed twice with right and clinched. Johnson sent in straight left. Johnson had to twist his body to avoid Ketchel in the clinches. Johnson blocked left to body. Ketchel threw left into body and in a rally Ketchel was sent down with a short right to the jaw. Ketchel fought cautiously and jabbed in three straight lefts in succession. Ketchel got in a left on the body and a left hook on the jaw.

ROUND THREE—Ketchel got in a left on body and Johnson landed with left, right and again left on jaw. Johnson shot in straight left. Ketchel tried right swing for jaw and missed. Johnson landed on face with left and Ketchel got home left on body. A clinch followed. Johnson reached the face with left. They clinched. Johnson smothered Ketchel's blows while holding and drove stiff right to stomach. Johnson rapped him hard on the jaw with a right.

ROUND FOUR—Johnson was there with right and left on the face. He then missed with double left to face. In a clinch Johnson lifted Ketchel off his feet to show his strength. Johnson

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Canadians Favor Navy

Cream of Talent Across the Border in the Service—See Big Revival of Interest in the Sport After the War

By CHARLES McDONALD

CANADA has always produced her share of good boxers, and at the outbreak of war, at least ninety per cent of these men joined the Navy, Army and Air Force, abandoning the ring and taking on a fight more important than any they had ever fought with the gloves. Yes, it is a "world's championship fight" in the true sense of the expression, and it is certain that every boxer in the service will fight like a champion every inch of the way.

The Canadian Navy is full of professional and amateur boxers from every part of Canada. When not on duty they all find time to pull the gloves on for a little training or to assist aspiring boxers.

Boxing is important to a young sailor's training. It develops confidence and brings out the fighting instinct and courage he must possess to go out and do his job aboard a fighting ship.

Since the outbreak of war, boxing has fast become one of the Navy's most popular sports, and it is the experienced boxer who instructs and encourages the young novice to get into the ring and do his stuff.

All across Canada, coaches have formed teams of experienced and novice boxers to represent their base. This has done much to increase the interest of boxing in the services. And servicemen are thrilled regularly by punch-packed tournaments.

Canada's newest and largest training establishment, H. M. C. S. *Cornwallis*, boasts one of the best boxing teams ever turned out by the Canadian Navy. Some of the members lack experience, but show sufficient natural ability to become Canada's future topnotchers. Others are well known in the professional world and need no introduction.

Able Seaman Harvey Dubs, No. 1 contender for the Canadian middleweight championship, recently fought Lem Wadsworth for the title and lost the close twelve-round decision. A little more than a year and a half ago he put up a wonderful fight against "Sugar" Ray Robinson for seven rounds, when the referee stopped it due to a cut eye.

Nick Melnick, third ranking Canadian middleweight, knocked out Ronnie O'Neil to claim the Maritimes middleweight championship. Melnick, a good boxer and a terrific puncher, lost a very close decision to Harry Hurst, Canadian welterweight champion, a year ago.

Claude Warwick won the Canadian amateur featherweight championship in 1941. However, he is now a full-fledged lightweight and still shows the promise he did as a featherweight.

Gaston Chicoine, welterweight, is a lad of promise. A clever boxer and a good puncher, he showed enough skill to win the Golden Gloves welterweight championship in Montreal six months ago. A week before joining the Navy he was signed to a professional contract by Johnny Greco's manager. He has not yet fought as a professional, though.

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DAVIE BROWN is a real crowd pleaser. A tough lightweight, he makes a hit with the fans wherever he fights.

Harry Grayburn, light-heavyweight, did most of his fighting around Montreal as a middleweight and was one of the hardest punchers in his class. Chuck Vuohelainen, a fast, straight puncher, has proven a great asset to the team. Al Cambridge is a featherweight with a punch, and uses a peculiar style which always proves baffling to his opponent.

Pete MacDougall, speedy little bantamweight, is a lad who seems to be all over you when he starts throwing punches. He has tons of "go" and also a good punch.

With teams like this being formed throughout the Navy, boxing is bound to draw great interest, even from those who once frowned upon the sport.

We look for a great boxing revival in Canada when the war is over.

Rear, left to right—Petty Officer Barney O'Connor, coach; Able Seaman Chuck Vuohelainen; Able Seaman Harry Grayburn; Able Seaman Harvey Dubs; Officer's Steward Nick Melnick; Ordinary Seaman Gaston Chicoine; Charles McDonald, Commissioned Bos'n. Front row—Stoker Al Cambridge; Ordinary Seaman Pete MacDougall; Able Seaman Davie Brown and Ordinary Seaman Claude Warwick.

LAST CALL!!

FREE TO BOXERS

We are now compiling the 1943 records for appearance in the new record book which will be out next March.

If your record does not appear—blame yourself. All you have to do to get recognition, is to send in your complete record for 1943, with dates, places, opponents and results.

Typewrite these on one side of paper and mail them to me for comparison with my cards.

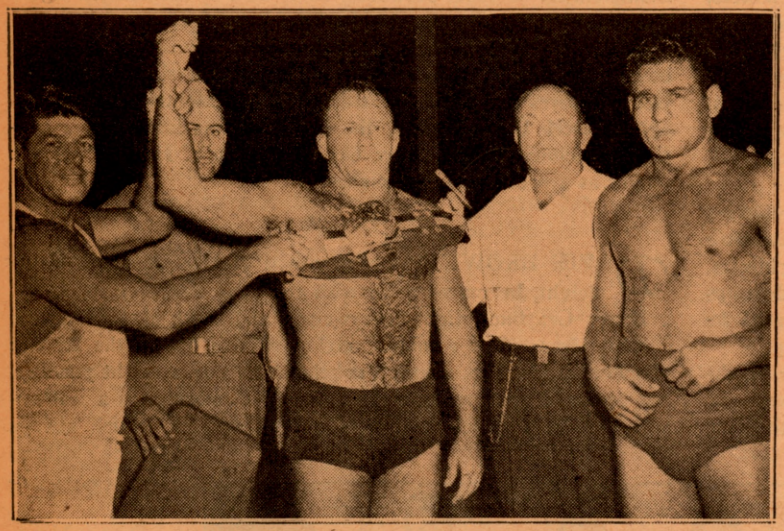
Follow the style used in Nat Fleischer's All Time Record Book and mail immediately. (Date, opponent, place, result.) Managers—Send me your address and telephone number.

BIG PLANS for HAWAII

Schofield Barracks, With Its 13,000 Seating Capacity, Center of Boxing in Central Pacific Area—Col. Sandman, Sports Best Booster

By CAPT. K. S. VANDERGRIFT

(Special Correspondent, THE RING, *Central Pacific Area)*



Charley Carr is shown having his hand raised after his thrilling victory over Chester (Adonis) Hayes for the junior heavyweight wrestling championship of Hawaii. At stake in the bout was THE RING'S *beautiful gold belt which was presented Champion Carr by Promoter Al Karasick on behalf of* THE RING *Editor, Nat Fleischer.* THE RING *championship bout was put on before more than 13,000 soldier, sailor and Marine wrestling fans in the Schofield Barracks Bowl, Oahu, T.H. In the picture above, Referee Bucky (King Kong) O'Neill, himself a well-known pro wrestler; Capt. K. S. Vandergrift, Schofield's public relations officer and Central Pacific Area correspondent for* THE RING; *Charley Carr, with* THE RING'S *belt; Honolulu wrestling promoter Al Karasick, and Chester Hayes, the loser in the title bout.*

A FOUR-MONTH boxing season got under way at Schofield Barracks, giant Army Post in Hawaii, on December 1, and from all indications, the program will top anything seen to date in Island service mitt circles. Initial plans call for the four-month season to be divided into two parts. The first two months will be devoted to team smokers with organizations lining up their stables and matching bouts through the Post athletic office, with other organization stables.

The two-month inter-team program will develop many boxers and get everything set for the Post tournament. The Post tournament will be individual fights, with about 14 smokers of 12 or more bouts.

At the conclusion of the second part of the boxing program, an elimination will be held to determine the Post champions of 1944. The titles will be fought off on one big night like last year, and again Albert F. (Al) Hastings, chairman of the Territory of Hawaii Boxing Commission, will be guest referee for the main event. The Hawaii Boxing Commission will again be invited to be the guests of Post Commander Colonel Otto E. Sandman, an ardent fight fan.

When the individual championships are decided, the team will be selected to represent Schofield Barracks in the All-Army Central Pacific Area boxing tournament booked for Schofield Barracks during March 24-31. Following the Central Pacific Area championships, Schofield Barracks will be open for inter-team matches with the best available teams.

Fighters will have to face such teams as the Pearl Harbor Navy, Marine Barracks Pearl Harbor, Kaneohe Naval Air Station, Waianae Naval Station, C.Y.O., and a long list of Army post teams.

The boxers who take part in the Schofield Barracks boxing program are going to be rewarded for their efforts to entertain the service fans in big free smokers. There will be about 200 special boxing medals made for the program, and scrappers who win two fights in the Schofield sockatorium will get one if present plans go through.

But medals are not the only awards. Many local firms are coming in with trophies to be presented as the Commanding Officer sees fit. Schofield Barracks will have a team championship trophy and individual awards for the Post champs. But the Best Sportsman, Best Boxer, Most Improved Fighter and other such recognitions, will be announced and the winners given handsome awards.

To date the following Honolulu business firms have posted trophies for the Schofield Barracks boxing season: Detor Jewelers, Honolulu Sporting Goods Company, Honolulu *Advertiser* Publishing Company, Williams Equipment Company, Chun Hoon, Ltd., and City Mill, Ltd.

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BEFORE a SRO house of more than 13,000 soldier, sailor and Marine wrestling fans, the junior heavyweight wrestling championship of the Territory of Hawaii was staged in the Schofield Barracks Bowl. Not only was the Hawaiian title at stake, but the handsome gold belt posted by THE RING was awarded the winner, Charley Carr. Presentation of the championship RING belt was made on behalf of Nat Fleischer by Al (Tovarich) Karasick, well-known grappler and now mat

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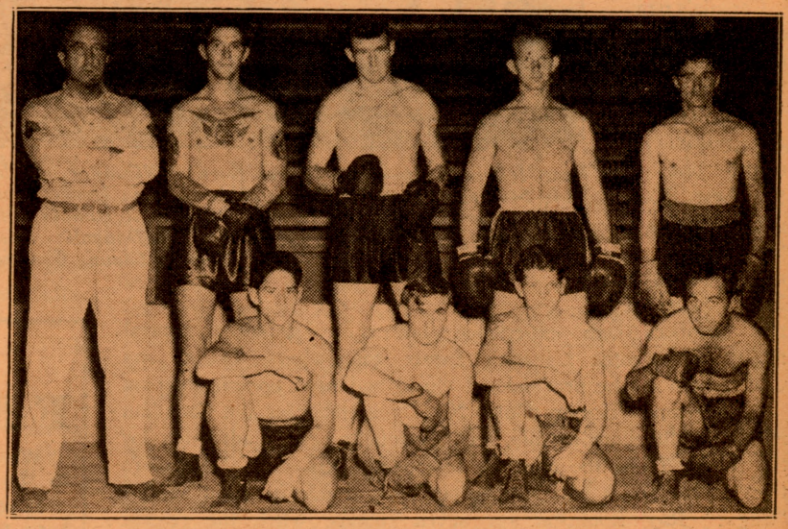
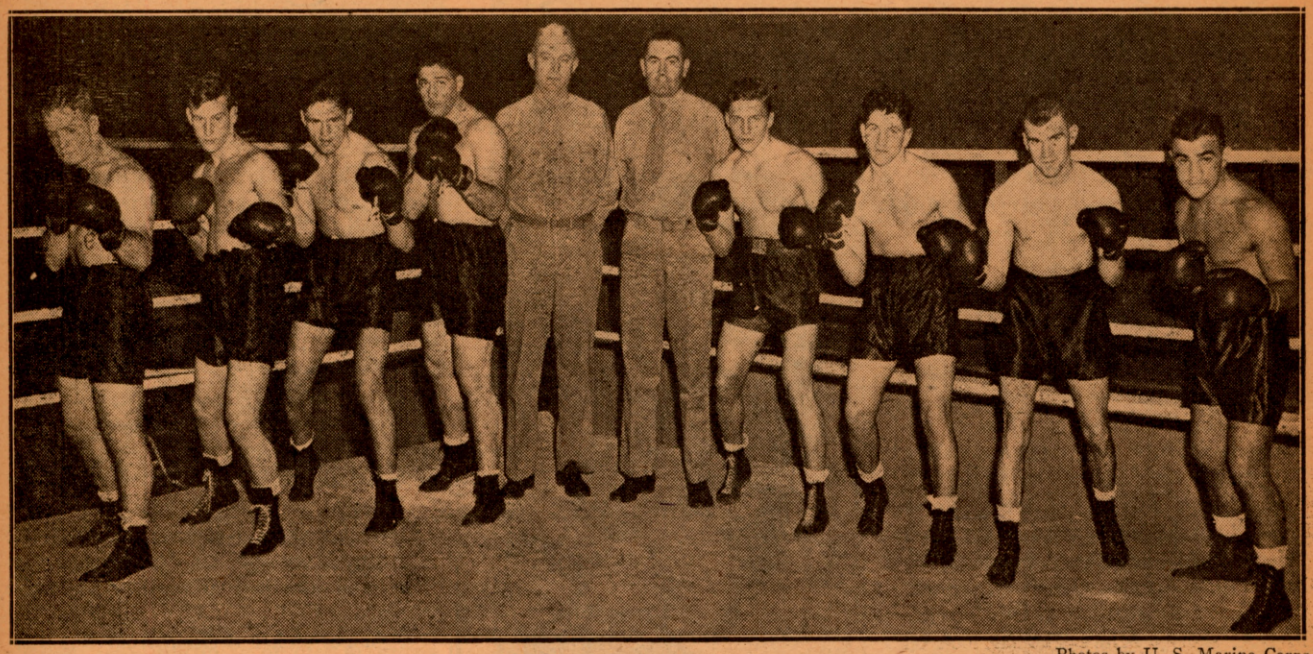


Fort Kamehameha boxing team at Hawaii. Front row, left to right—Joe Aguirre, Marshal Phillips, Omer Rundell, Lew Delica. Rear row—Ted Collins, trainer and coach; Gene Smithers, Warren Truitt, Matthew Neilson, and Vincent Ferlica. The team is the champion service team of Hawaii. The boys have never lost a team match in competition with the Army or Navy. Out of 68 fights, the group has lost only eight bouts and drew in three. In competition with "Hawaii's Own Regiment," containing many champions of the Islands, the boxers from "Kam" lost only one bout out of 16. John J. Murphy is the team manager.

WITH *the* FIGHTING MARINES

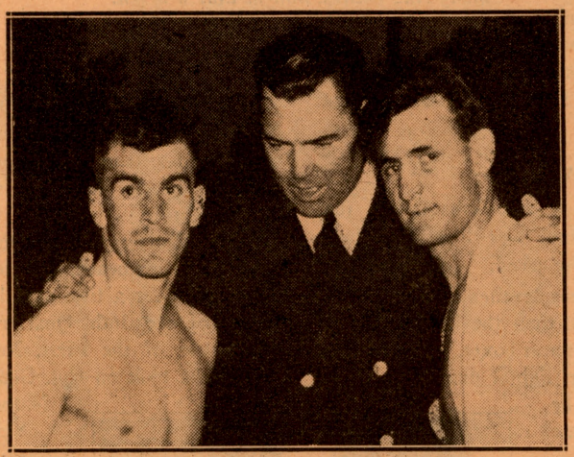
By CORP. GEORGE THERRINGER



Photos by U. S. Marine Corps

The Parris Island fighting Leathernecks. Left to right—Tom McCauley, Larry Bender, Al Thornton, Jimmy Carollo; Major D. O. "Tuss" McLaughry, athletic director on Parris Island; John Carleton, team trainer; Artie Levine, Tony Vero, Lefty LaChance and Frankie Carto.

THE Marine boxing team swung back into action a few weeks ago after being inactive since August 21st, when they defeated Daniel Field at Augusta, Georgia, by a score of 3 to 2. Opening the fall and winter season and high-lighting a Navy Day program held at Beaufort, S. C., the fighting Leathernecks traded punches with the Charleston Coast Guard team. Lt. Commander Jack Dempsey acted as referee. It was interesting to note that the former heavyweight champion of the world is still the same old genial Jack and his presence added much to the Navy Day celebration. However, as the old saying goes, nothing can help a fighter once the bell rings and the Coast Guard came out on the short end of a six to one count.



Referee Lt. Comdr. Jack Dempsey gives the ring rules to Lefty LaChance (left) and Robert LaLonde (right).

The opening bout saw Maurice "Lefty" LaChance, 128 pounder of the Marines, Lewiston, Maine, take the measure of Robert LaLonde, 130 pounds, of the Coast Guard. LaLonde could not fathom the left-hander's style and while he showed plenty of heart the decision went to LaChance.

Frankie Carto, hard-hitting featherweight from Parris Island, and Philadelphia, Pa., took one minute and 40 seconds of the second round to stiffen his opponent, Tom Baker. Baker showed plenty of skill in the first round and it looked as though it would go the scheduled three. Carto stopped him with a short right to the head. The blow travelled only about a foot.

Tony Vero, 145, Rome, N. Y., had trouble with Johnnie Crumes, 147, of the Coast Guarders. Crumes dropped Vero with a flurry of blows to the head in the first round. Vero recovered rapidly and was on his feet before Dempsey could start the count. It was a very interesting bout all the way, both showing excellent condition.

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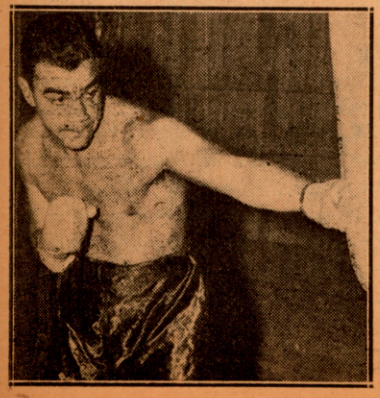


It took Frankie Carto (above) of the Parris Island fighting Leathernecks just one minute and forty seconds to polish off Tom Baker of the Charleston Coast Guard team during the boxing matches at Beaufort, S. C., Navy Day.

Al Thornton of the Marines weighs in at 160. He took his latest fight from Dan Rogers of the Coast Guard team from Charleston at Beaufort, S. C., on Navy Day.

Ft. Warren's Fighting Men

Wyoming Post Boasts of Some of Best Boxing Talent in U. S. Army

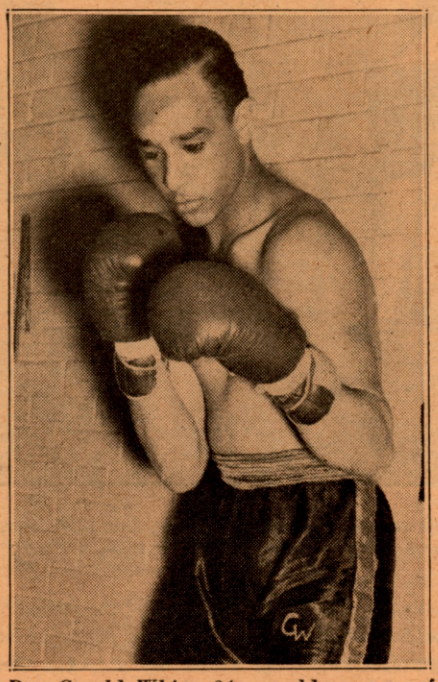
PVT. ROLAND A. WHITE

SGT. ERNEST McDONALD

SGT. ERNEST McDONALD held the Ft. Warren heavyweight title from the start of boxing at the Wyoming post in September, 1941, until August 4, 1943, when he lost it on a foul. He won it back from the same fighter, Pvt. Robert Nora, September 1.

"Big Mac," as they call him in the Army, is 6 feet 1¼ inches tall and weighs 200 pounds. As a civilian he fought 167 bouts, losing only 17 of them. Never knocked out, he fought pro for four years before coming into the Army from his home in Los Angeles. One of his pre-war fights was a decision lost to Otis Thomas in 1938, shortly before Thomas took on Tony Galento.

Fights have been few and far between in the Army, about one every five months until this summer, when he had won all ten he had fought in three years in the service. McDonald tried to quit, but was persuaded to continue, in spite of the fact that so few opponents wanted to brave his mule-like punch that he had a hard time keeping in shape. His top feat to date was the winning of the Seventh Service Command championship in Denver, knocking out Hosmer Wheat of La Junta Air Base in the second round to clinch the title.



Pvt. Gerald White, 24-year-old veteran of many ring battles, now at Fort Warren.

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PVT. THOMAS GAINES

A NEWLY arrived boxing fan at Ft. Warren had just learned that Pvt. Thomas Gaines was from Cleveland, Ohio. "Do you know Jimmy Bivins?" he asked.

"Know him?" replied Gaines. "He's my brother-in-law."

As a matter of fact, Bivins is more than the kid brother of Mrs. Gaines. He is a protege of the veteran boxer, given many a tip and a lot of instruction by the older, lighter man.

And Tommy Gaines doesn't have to be a brother-in-law of Jimmy Bivins to rate the spotlight. At 32 he is a veteran of some nine years of boxing in civilian life and two years in the Army, where he holds three championship titles.

Boasting the most powerfully built chest and arms of any Ft. Warren boxer, size considered, Gaines has been dubbed "pound for pound the best fighter ever to step into a Ft. Warren ring." As welterweight champion he beat all comers, many by knockouts, and then took on opponents up to 175 pounds in order to get opposition.

By way of being versatile, Gaines reduced to 140 pounds and took on another title in the June 30 "Tournament of Champions" at Ft. Warren. Then, when the smoke had cleared in the 147-pound division, where he had vacated his crown, he proceeded to tangle with the best man of those who had fought it out to succeed him. Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight champion, who is now a lieutenant-commander in the Coast Guard, was present to count "ten" over the prostrate form of Pvt. Chuck Railey, Los Angeles slugger, who had fought his way to runner-up honors in the Seventh Service Command middleweight division several months earlier.

(QMRTC Photo)

Pvt. Thomas Gaines, brother-in-law of Jimmy Bivins, a veteran at Fort Warren.

It was in the Denver tournament that Gaines acquired his top honor—that of being the No. 1 welterweight service boxer in the Rocky Mountain area. Men from Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming Army, Navy and Air Force camps were entered—the best from their respective posts.

Gaines took a decision from Bill Riordan of Camp Hale and knocked out Charlie Herman of Camp Hale in the first round. Then he met Lou Dundee of Camp West, son of Joe Dundee, former world's champion welterweight. In a closely contested bout the power of Gaines told as he scored two first-round knockdowns and staved off a rally by Dundee.

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CPL. ED REYES

CPL. ED REYES is a pupil of Tony Herrera, first Mexican fighter to reach Madison Square Garden. For four years he was a professional in his home country around El Paso, Texas, engaging in 200 bouts of which he lost six. Then he came into the Army.

At Ft. Warren, now 20 years old and five feet six inches tall, Reyes has been beaten only by champions. In the 118-pound class he qualified for a title bout by administering a T.K.O. to Floyd Heath of the 16th Quartermaster Regiment. Against Harold Smallwood of the First, Reyes lost by a decision.

Next he took on Cpl. Gerard Piche, veteran champion of the featherweights, and lost by a decision.

Neither of the defeats had been by much of a margin. Reyes displayed a bouncing, bustling style with emphasis on savage rushes, an upswing, and fierce infighting. He switched to the 130-pound class. Ray Villabolos of the First Regiment was his victim in an elimination tournament for the championship—by a knockout.

The champion was Ricardo Roldan of the Sixteenth Regiment, a Los Angeles lad who claimed an unblemished record in 23 bouts, civilian and military. Reyes opened up on him in the first round with lefts to the abdomen, a few to the face that bloodied the champ's nose, and a barrage of blows as the round closed. Although Roldan attempted a comeback in the second round, Reyes polished him off with a knockout. The cloutin' kid from El Paso had found his fighting weight.

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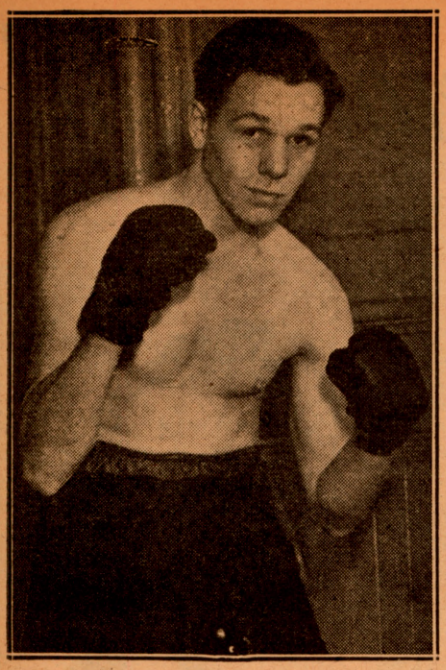
From Iceland and Iran



Billy Murray, classy welterweight boxer from Bellaire, O., who did considerable boxing in New York and vicinity and made his home in Hartford, Conn., just before entering the Army Air Forces a year and a half ago, has been reported missing in action. John Murray, a brother of Billy's, wired Bill Gore that the family had been notified that Billy was missing. He was a gunner in a Flying Fortress and is thought to have been in the European theater of war. Gore and Murray went to Hartford together and Gore stayed on to train Willie Pep and help guide the latter to the feather-weight championship.

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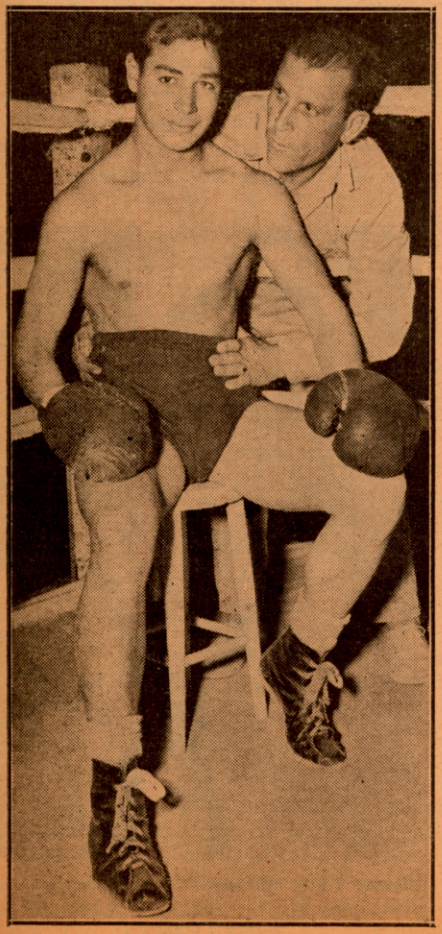

George Peanuts Stangelo, one of the best boxers in the Far East Command. He never fought before entering the service, yet now he is a standout boxer in service contests in Iran. He has had eight fights, and under the training of Eddie Flores, former New York boxer, has lost only one. He comes from Massillion, O., and was born on February 19, 1923. Flores regards the boy as an excellent post-war prospect.

A group of fighting men of the P.G.S.C. boxing team in Iran, of which Eddie Flores is coach. The champs are, left to right—Eddie Flores, coach; Frank Donegan, 145, Jamestown, N. D.; Val Vaughn, 120, Detroit, Mich.; Harold Gildernich, 170, Marchfield, Wis.; Vin Carmosino, 112, Altoona, Pa.; George Spraggin, 127, Oakland, Calif.; Woody Campbell, 135, Clarksdale, Calif.; Coach LaCombe; Ralph Ivvin, heavyweight, Jamesburg, N. J., and Tony Williams, 155, Los Angeles, Calif.

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Lt. Dave Zinkoff, writing from Iceland, says that boxing is the chief form of entertainment in our far northern outpost. Dave, at one time an announcer in Pennsylvania, is now the chief announcer of fights in his sector where he is the Special Service Officer with the Iceland Base Command under Major Lee Gisstrap, chairman of the Oklahoma Amateur Athletic Union. Three shows staged at Reykjavik drew packed houses. The above photo shows the winners of the last show. Capt. Lou Marks, former member of the Dodgers football team, arranged the bouts. The winners, writes Lt. Zinkoff, received candy, cigarettes and Red Cross kits.

"You cannot imagine the interest shown in The Rings *when they reach us," says the lieutenant. "You're doing a swell job for the boys and we appreciate it. Our best prospect is Pvt. Lucky Lucchese, a New York boy, who knows plenty about boxing."*

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In the photo, shown above, are:

Top row, left to right—Pfc. Herb Brining, 135, Newark, N. J.; Cpl. Johnny Davis, 135, Kingport, Tenn.; Pfc. Milton Scott, 134, Fayette, Ind.; Pvt. Glen Wilkins, 155, Terre Haute, Ind.; Pvt. Joe Clark, 170, Philadelphia, Pa., and Sgt. Ed Yankee, 125, Connecticut. Kneeling—S/S Bennie Caulk, 135, Columbia, Tenn.; Pvt. Julius Feinstein, 152, Houston, Tex., and Sgt. 1st Cl. George Cummins, 120, Columbus, Ind.

The Ring's Honor Roll

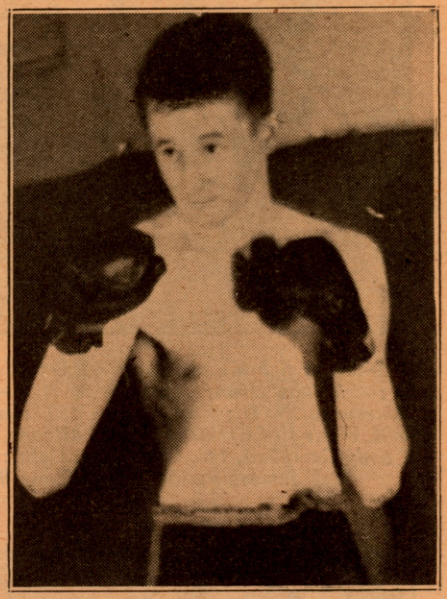
By PRIVATE JIMMY HEARNS

Steve Kish of the U. S. Army, who is campaigning successfully as a middleweight in Pennsylvania rings.

AL McCOY, former world middleweight champion, writing from Manhattan Gymnasium in Los Angeles, praises Eddie McGeever, the fighting Irishman who has been in the service since June, 1942. Says McCoy:

"I ask a few words for a little fellow out this way who has shunned publicity, but is deserving of praise. His name is Eddie McGeever. He has been in the army for eighteen months, in nine of which he has been confined to the Army Hospital here suffering from a broken leg. His leg is in a cast. He also suffered a hip bone shatter. I know he will get a big kick out of seeing a note in THE RING, showing that he has not been forgotten."

Herb Sill, amateur champion of Canada, member of the Annunciation Club of Michigan.



Paul Hubbard of Washington, D. C., star amateur, now a Marine.

Vinnie (left) and Rocco Rossano, brother pugilists now in the Army. Vinnie is in Italy and Rocco is in Alabama.

Arlo Roye, whose enlistment in the Navy makes it 100 per cent for San Angelo Boxing Club of Texas.

REMEMBER Big Jim Robinson, Philadelphia heavyweight, who appeared in an exhibition with Joe Louis, and tackled Bob Pastor, Lou Nova and many other of the top flight heavies? Well, Jim is in the Navy and has been at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Norfolk and is about to be shipped out to sea for active service.

The boys at his hospital station are fond of genial Jim, who, though his days as a fighter in the ring are over, is a fine member of Uncle Sam's fighting seamen.

Henry Vera, Chicago C.Y.O. star, now in the Navy. He is champion lightweight at Camp Farragut.

Curley Nichols, the sailor boy who is stationed at Miami on shore patrol and as a boxing instructor, is seeking active sea duty. If he cannot obtain that, he would like to accompany Jack Dempsey on a tour of Coast Guard stations and give boxing exhibitions.

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Roscoe Toles, who recently returned from a South American boxing campaign, has been inducted into the Marines.

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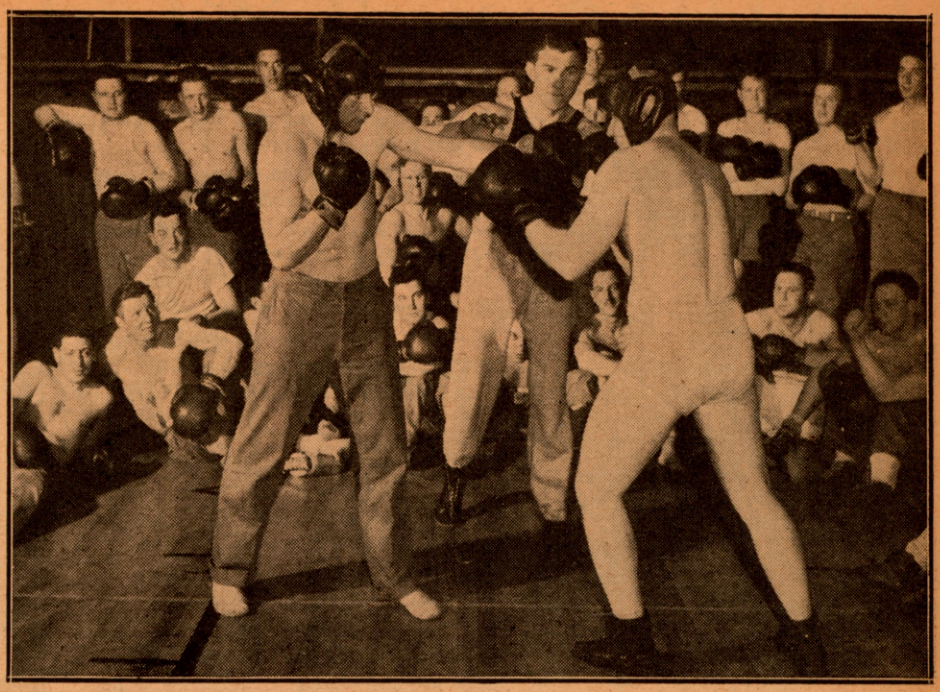
MATT KANE

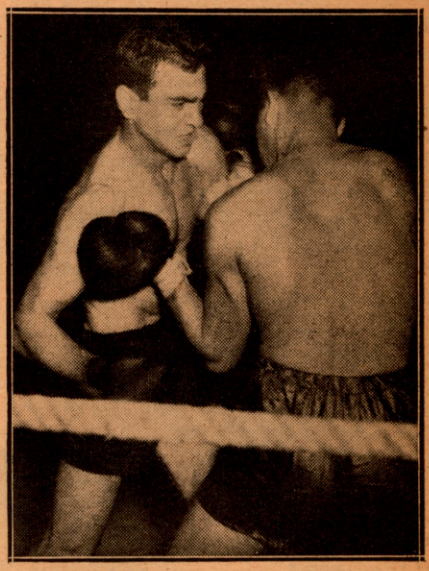
IT isn't often that Harry Wills goes into the managerial end of boxing, but so enthusiastic is the former heavyweight contender over the prospects of Matt Kane, a Navy boy, that he has decided to take him in hand. Matt is a young and tough boxer who recently returned from combat service at sea and is now a specialist stationed in Washington. He learned to box originally from Bryan Downey who was the old middleweight claimant to the title.

Matt is of Irish descent. His home is in Chicago. According to Harry Wills, he is an excellent prospect and should go a long ways after the war.



Cpl. Tommy Yarosz, boxing coach at Fort Monmouth, instructing his men in the science of self-defense. Col. Curtiss, the Commanding Officer, and Capt. Lyman O. Anderson, Special Service Officer, are giving Tommy their wholehearted support.

Here is the boxing team of the 1072d Guard Squadron of Wright Field in Ohio. Standing, left to right—Pfc. Frank Barbella, Lt. James Mannion, Lt. Allen Deibert, Pfc. Sal Benzaia. Kneeling—Cpl. John Frunzi, Pfc. Jose Rivera and Pfc. Sam Spoto.



Pvt. Dan Mazer of Larchmont, N. Y. (right), landed a hard blow on Pvt. Bob Harrison, Tulsa, Okla., in one of the closely-contested fights at the Armored Replacement Training Center Service Club, Fort Knox, Ky. Mazer's former experience as a welterweight Golden Gloves finalist in 1939 couldn't keep him from losing the decision to the hard-punching Indian trainee.

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PVT. AUREL TOMA

PVT. AUREL TOMA, at one time a leading bantam contender and former Rumanian champion, has finally fought his way into the United States Army. Toma, who after the Pearl Harbor attack pleaded in vain with the draft officials for many months to induct him, has been accepted and has automatically become a citizen. His case was much like that of Siggy Landers, who has been in the Sicilian battlefields taking pot shots at our enemies.

Toma, although he has been campaigning in all sections of the country for several years, is a Rumanian by birth and because we are at war with his fatherland, and he was not a citizen, he couldn't join our armed forces. Now he is happy because he is stationed at Camp Barkley where he is preparing for overseas service, something he is most eager to get. At camp he has engaged in eight bouts and lost only one.

MORRIS REIF

MORRIS REIF, Brooklyn lightweight, who was inducted into the service early this year is now at the St. Albans Naval Hospital where Barney Ross is also a patient. Reif was aboard a vessel that was torpedoed in the North Atlantic. He is getting along nicely and hopes shortly to return to active duty.

Reif is one of the many New York boxers who have been in combat zones and have given a good account of themselves.

Pfc. Richard H. Cummings, a good amateur boxer, who is wearing the uniform of the United States Marines and is overseas.

THE Serrian family is well represented in the armed forces. Three brothers, all in the army, is a record of which any family may feel extremely proud. All three are sergeants. Sergeant Mickey, who at one time was one of the outstanding world welters and fought such good boys as Izzy Jannazzo, Lou Ambers, Ray Napolitano, Johnny Jadick, Paulie Walker, Sammy Mandell and Eddie Cool, is an instructor of physical training at Keesler Field.

Sergeant Fred is in the Medical Detachment at Camp Butner. The third member of this fighting trio is Joseph.

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AMONG the many brothers who are in the service and serving in the same field, are Paul H. and Malcolm J. Dogge, whose home is in Glen Burmie, Maryland. The boys are members of the same company in the Marines and are stationed in Guadalcanal.

Malcolm participated in several boxing bouts while stationed in Australia. He carried off the honors in seven out of eight contests. Of his victories, six were scored by knockouts and one by decision and the bout he lost went to a British boxer, a member of the Royal Air Force.

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Tony Costa has joined his brother Al, in the armed forces. Tony, a featherweight, is a member of the navy, and Al, star welterweight, is in the army.

THE armed forces have two good fighters in the Rossano lads, Vinnie (left) and Rocco, both of whom are in the army. Rocco, smaller of the two, has engaged in 23 pro battles and lost only to Vic Creelman and Willie Beltran. Vinnie is the boxer who broke the winning streak of Sonny Horne, Artie Dorrell, Danny Kapilow and Frankie Ray. He was matched to clash with Jake LaMotta when called into the army. He is now somewhere in Italy, while brother Rocco is down in Alabama.

The Rossano brothers plan to get back into fistic competition after the war.

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THE war has brought into the spotlight another former fighter who had gone into obscurity after retiring from the ring. Ford Smith is his name. Back in October, 1935, when Jimmy Braddock was champion, Ford rated high among the contenders. He started his ring career in the navy and now he again is a tar, stationed at Mare Island, where he drives a huge tractor for the transportation division.

In his first year as a fighter he was eliminated from the All-Navy championships in the semifinals and in his last year in the navy, he beat all comers at Panama to win the navy heavyweight crown. That was in 1931.

He scored a six-round kayo over Art Lasky in San Francisco and beat Buddy Baer in the Yankee Stadium. He is one of the fighters who faced Primo Carnera in the Italian's tour of the land prior to winning the world crown, and went ten rounds with him in Philadelphia. In his last fight, with Al Latore, he lost the decision and wound up with concussion of the brain. But he's OK today.

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THE San Angelo Amateur Boxing Club of San Angelo, Texas, boasts a 100 percent membership in the armed forces. Only one other organization equals this record, the Stewart Indian School of Nevada, a number of whose members have been killed in action, some are missing and others have been decorated for bravery.

Mike Fischer of St. Paul, an amateur heavyweight with the Army Air Corps in Texas. He is only 17, scales 187, and stands six feet, one. He has scored 16 kayoes in 20 bouts and lost two decisions.

The last member of the San Angelo Club to join, is 18-year-old Roye, who is stationed at the San Diego Naval Station. Roye is one of the outstanding amateurs in Texas. He can punch, is clever and has been fighting since he was 14.

He was the 1940 state champion flyweight, the 1941 State Golden Gloves feather king and state feather champ; the 1942 Golden Gloves feather and state champion and in both 1940 and 1941 he got as far as the National quarter finals at Chicago. He competed in Madison Square Garden last year in the Chicago-New York inter-city Golden Gloves bouts.

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STEVE KISH, who fought around Jersey under the name of Steve Brogan prior to his induction, 14 months ago, is making a comeback and has had six fights without a defeat. When Marty Cohen, prominent fight promoter in Scranton, Pa., signed him for a fight with "El Guacho" in a preliminary to the Alex Doyle-Charley Sabatelle card, he put up

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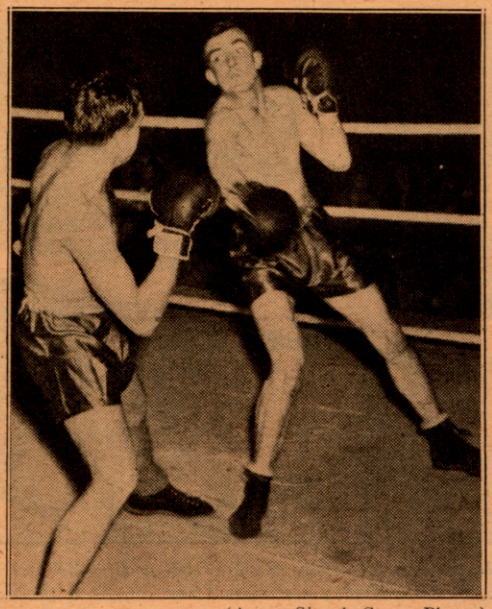
Hunter Field in Georgia has a fine boxing team, of which Maxie Fisher, former star pro lightweight from New Jersey and the state champion, is the trainer. Maxie has been doing excellent work with his charges and hopes to put his team on top in inter-camp meets. Top row, left to right—Sgt. Ben Neglia, manager; Billy Weeks, heavyweight; Sgt. Williams, middleweight; William Rooney, lightweight; Mike Grella, middleweight; Francis Miller, lightweight, and Maxie Fisher, coach and trainer. Bottom row—Larry Osrini, welterweight; Joe McNulty, welterweight; Kid Pancho, welterweight, and Mike O'Donnell, lightweight.

FINE TALENT *at* SIBERT

By S/SGT. ELMER V. SUBLETT *and* PFC. GLEN BUMP

BOXING at Camp Sibert is the leading sport at this Southern camp. With the keen support of the commanding officers, and fine work on the part of the Special Service department in charge of recreation, Camp Sibert has become a hotbed of boxing. The sport had its baptism of fire in September, 1942 and since then, the camp has staged shows regularly and has developed many fine soldier fighters who are now good prospects.



(Army Signal Corps Photos)

Pvt. Alcides Velez (left) gets ready to connect with a right to the chin of Pvt. Russell Wood as the latter misses a right hook.

Boxing has been conducted both at the recreation buildings and in the open air arenas in all five regimental areas. One camp championship was staged in which the competition was keen and several budding boxers were unearthed. Both Negro and white boys competed, each in a separate series of bouts and the title-holders in all classes were decided. Here are the champions for each:

In the white division, Pvt. Dominic Constantine of Kansas City, Mo., bantamweight; Pfc. Stanley Schadowski, Detroit, Mich., featherweight; Pfc. Russell Wood, Paterson, N. J., lightweight; Sgt. Angelo Gileno, Lawndale, Calif., welterweight; Pvt. Paul Holbrook, Ashland, Ky., middleweight; Pvt. Nathan Anderson, Detroit, Mich., light-heavy and Sgt. John Orguvan, Pittsburgh, Pa., heavyweight.

Colored champs: Pvt. Jimmie Johnston, Boston, Mass., bantamweight; Pvt. Leon Campbell, Cambridge, Mass., featherweight; Pvt. Jimmie Calhoun, Chicago, Ill., lightweight, who recently copped the lightweight championship of Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, Transfer, Pa.; Pvt. Tony Delgado, New York, N. Y., welterweight;

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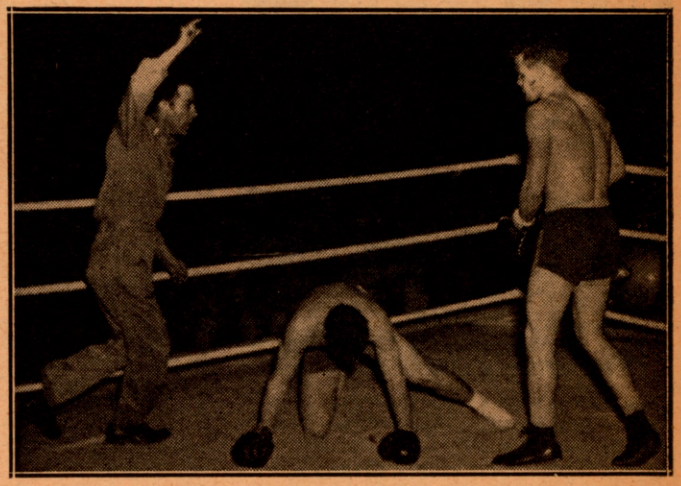
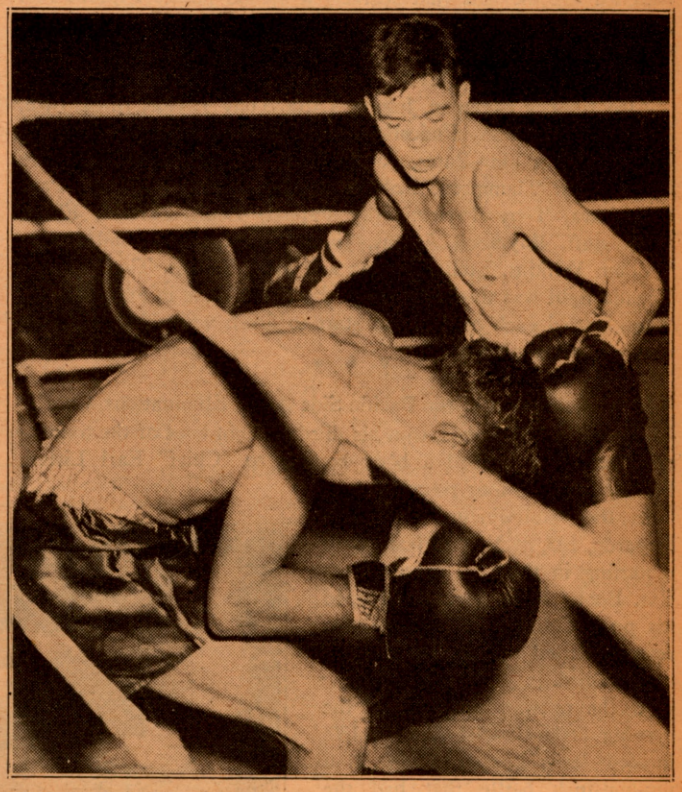
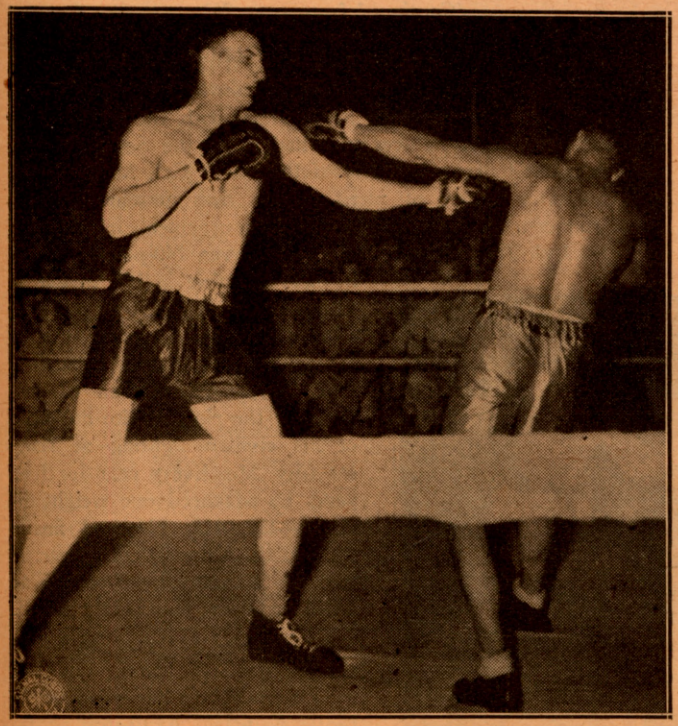


Pvt. Jack Anderson, Salt Lake City, Utah, middleweight, puts down Pvt. Max Aldridge, Pasadena, Calif., for a count of nine as Lt. A. B. DelMonte prepares to toll the numbers.



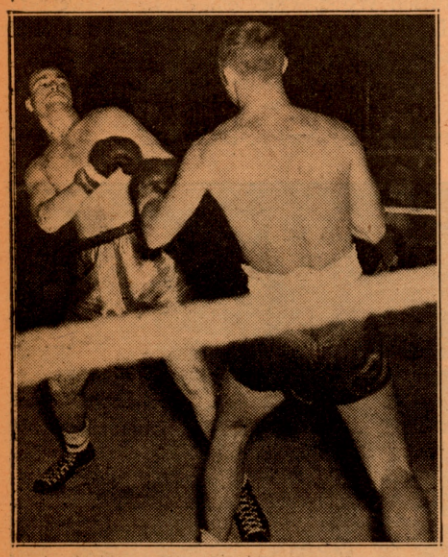
T/5 Robert Hutchins, lightweight, ready to deliver a knockout blow to Pvt. Duly Frazier. Hutchins has developed into one of Camp Sibert's best fighters, losing only one match since starting his career at the camp.



Pvt. Boyd Musser, six feet, four inches, 195-pound Lima, Ohio, heavyweight, jars light-heavyweight and heavyweight champ of Camp Sibert, T/5 Nathan Anderson (right) to wrest the heavyweight title.

Glove Sport Tops at Panama

By SGT. PAUL F. COOK



Tony Interdinato, facing the camera, pulls away from Charlie Eschman as Charlie tries to connect with a left hook. Eschman won the bout in four rounds.

BOXING has taken a firm hold on the soldiers, sailors and marines stationed in the Canal Zone. In fact, I doubt that anywhere in the world is there so much of this sport carried on and more thrilling bouts staged than in this sector. Hawaii at one time was the recognized center of service boxing but not so today. You'll find that in Panama.

The tournaments held in Panama would bring heaps of applause if staged in Madison Square Garden. Five thousand or more soldiers pack the arena weekly to attend the bouts and so well matched are the lads that scarcely a second passes without real action. Winners in recent competition include:

Ildefonso Sanches, Fernando Muniz, John Diagowick, Jerry Ramos, Robert Root, Jacob West and Mark Pusharic.

Also, Charlie Eschman, Johnny Latta, Tony Taylor, Jim Brown, Ralph Laugen, Tony Finicello, Rafael Collazo, Donald Wheelock, Hovi Phillips, Jim Bates, Jacob West, Adolph Huerta, Engele Colan, Jack Thompson, Roberto Santana, Pete Orgeron, Paul Lacquitara, Tony Taylor, Billy Pappas, Eddie Zareski, Elmer Biggerstaff, Raymond Adams, Jimmy Brown, Raymond Stagg, William Wilkins, Emilio Molina and Mike Torres. The Phillips-Lozada fight was the best seen in the Canal Zone in many moons. They battled each other from start to finish while the gathering cheered and applauded.

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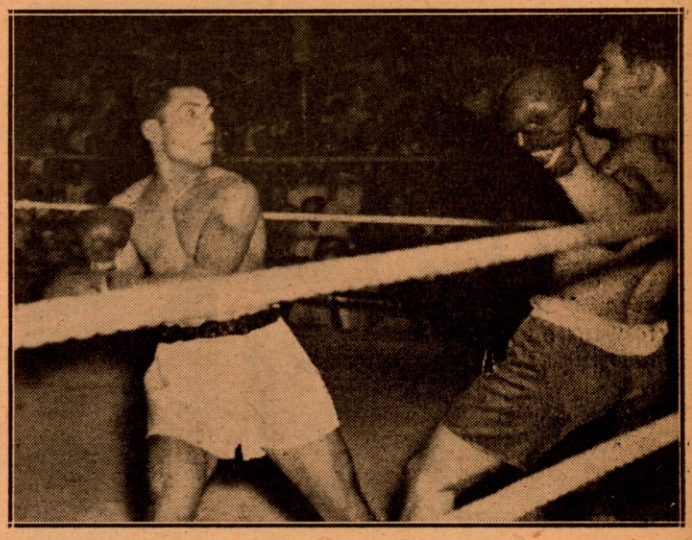
IN the main event of the Pacific Side Army Eliminations, Charlie Eschman, 145 pounds, won his third straight bout of the tournament when he handed a body beating to "Chief" Earl Listed, 147½ pounds, in four rounds.

In the semi-windup, Sgt. Pete Orgeron, 133, of New Orleans took a pasting in the first fracas from Pvt. Bobby Root, 135, but stopped his man. Col. H. L. Mumma, the referee, halted the bout at the end of the third.

In the outstanding bout of the evening little Charlie Arenth, 130, kayoed Jesus Lozada, 129½, in a nip-and-tuck battle that had the fans on their feet throughout the entire slugfest.

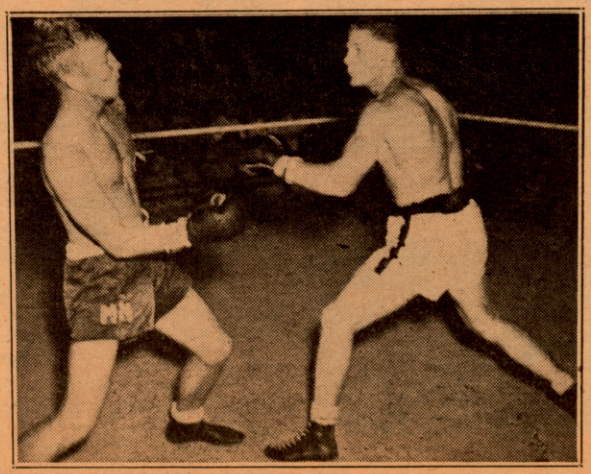
In the stirring third, a thrilling round, after taking punches from each other that would have floored a heavyweight, Arenth worked Lozada into his own corner and shot over three damaging left hooks, then stepped back and shot a powerful right to the midsection. Lozada fell forward on his face and was counted out.



Jesus Lozada, white trunks, drives Charlie Arenth to the ropes with some heavy wallops. They fought a thrilling, close battle.

Both boys received a great ovation. Charlie, for the second time, was awarded the "most popular boxer" award.

John Williamson, 158¾, defeated Raymond Adams, 153½, in three rounds. Robert Keen, 118½, kayoed Juan Vasquez, 116½, in three rounds. Elmer Biggerstaff, 149½, gave Francisco Fernandez, 154½, a boxing lesson in three rounds. Hovie Phillips, 113½, defeated Julio Quiles, 111½, in four rounds. Ray Caps, 116½, defeated Ildefonso Pastor, 118½, in four rounds.



Charlie Eschman, Panama Canal welter, pulls away as Frankie Fenner, a Marine, tries to hit him with a left. Charlie won the bout.

Ft. Warren's Fighting Men

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PVT. GERALD WHITE

NEVER knocked out and knocked down only twice, Pvt. Gerald White came to Ft. Warren with the handicap of entering a stable of fighters who had swept the Seventh Service Command tournament. One of them was Cpl. Mario Centi.

White is a fighter of merit on his own account. Besides being runner-up to Centi in the Denver tournament, in which he defeated Cpl. Jim Alvarado, the Ft. Warren 140-pound champ, he held the title in his weight at Camp Carson, Colo., defeating Charlie Major, Chicago C.Y.O. clouter, in the final at his home post.

A 24-year-old veteran of five years in the ring, White did most of his civilian fighting at Kansas City, Mo. Every year for four years he advanced one weight division—112, 118, 126, and finally 135 pounds. A finalist every year, he won the Kansas City *Star* title as a Golden Gloves lightweight in 1941.

At Chicago that year he lost in the semifinals to Tommy Campbell by a decision. He has subsequently beaten Campbell. At Boston, he also went out in the semi-finals, losing to Gus Stamford of Oklahoma City.

How Boxers of the World are Grouped

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lia; Curley St. Angelo, New York City; Wayman Stewart, Washington, D. C.; Billy Swift, St. Helens, Eng.

Blond Tiger, Lowell, Mass.; Billy Tollis, Australia; Ken Tompkins, New York City; Twenty-two Kid, Santo Domingo.

Sancho Vidales, Mexico City.

Jimmy Watson, Leith, Eng.; Bertram White, Chicago, Ill.; Billy Williams, Huthwaite, Eng.; Joe Woodley, Baltimore, Md.; Sid Worgan, Llanharan, Eng.; Kid Zefine, Panama.

Bantamweight Division

World Champion

Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Cal. (Active)

(Group 1)

1—Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Cal.
2—Rush Dalma, Hawaii
3—David Kui Kong Young, Hawaii
4—Lou Salica, New York City
5—Benny Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.
6—Tony Olivera, San Francisco, Cal.
7—Jim Brady, England
8—Leonardo Lopez, Mexico
9—Al Phillips, Aldgate, Eng.
10—Tommy McGlinchey, Glasgow
11—Joe Robleto, Pasadena, Cal.
12—Sammy Medina, Panama
13—Dado Marino, Hawaii
14—Elwood Romero, Sacramento, Cal.
15—Alan Hall, Australia
16—Tommy Plowright, England
17—Kenny Lindsay, Canadian Army and Vancouver, B. C.

(Group 2)

Ernesto Aquilar, California; Tony Antognoli, New York City; Red Barker, Ogden, Utah; Les Brooks, Australia; Nels Broadhead, Hamilton, Ont.; Al Chavez, California; Ronnie Clayton, Blackpool, Eng.; Lupe Cordoza, Sacramento, Cal. Ray Delgado, Havana, Cuba; Little Dempsey, Hawaii.

Les Feighan, Australia; George Freitas, Chicago.

Lino Garcia, Havana, Cuba; Andy Gollan, Australia; Paul Guerrero, Hollywood, Cal.; Jimmy Jeannette, Washington, D. C.

Joe Kerwick, Australia; Teddy Lawlor, Australia; Charles Pee Wee Lewis, Baltimore, Md.

Ralph McNeil, Newark, N. J.; Stan Mott, Australia; Mario Morales, Puerto Rico.

Jim Pickering, Australia.

Pedro Ramirez, Mexico; Young Jack Renault, Colon, Panama; Ceferino Robleto, Pasadena, Cal.; Tony Roberts, Canada; Earl Roys, Bristol, Conn.; Jackie Ryan, Australia.

Ivor Simpson, England; Lorenzo Safora, Havana, Cuba; Baby Santiago, Stockton, Cal.; Stan Shaw, Australia; Ken Stanford, Australia.

Taffy Turner, Cowley, England.

Billy Williams, Australia; Jack Wilson, Australia.

Flyweight Division

World Champion

Jackie Paterson, R.A.F., and England. (Active)

(Group 1)

1—Jackie Paterson, R.A.F., and England
2—Peter Kane, R.A.F., and Golborne
3—Sammy Reynolds, Wolverhampton, Eng.
4—Little Dado, Hawaii
5—George Parks, Dundee, Scotland
6—Larry Torpey, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—Joe Curran, Liverpool, Eng.
8—Hughey Cameron, Scotland
9—Norman Lewis, Wales
10—Johnny Shaughnessy, Glasgow
11—Humberto Espinosa, Havana, Cuba
12—Cliff Morris, Wales
13—Pedro Medina, Havana, Cuba

(Group 2)

Florian Bibeau, Hamilton, Ont., Can.; Ronnie Bishop, England; Kid Bonsor, England; Lupe Cordoza, Mexico; Alfredo Chavez, California.

Eddie Douglas, England; Bunty Doran, Ireland.

Luis Galvani, Cuba; Jackie Holder, Newport, Eng.; Joe Josephs, Cardiff; Joe Landry, New England.

Louis O'Connor, Montreal, Canada; Eddie Reardon, New England; Stan Rowan, Merseyside, Eng.; Frank Tierney, Glasgow.

Willie Smith, Gilfach Gotch, Scotland; Al Thomas, Australia; Kid Zuniza, Colombia.

Managers and Promoters

THE RING Editor urges you to send him immediately your address and phone numbers for special listing. Don't wait. Do so now. This will mean a lot to you.

CONNECTICUT NEWS

By DON HAMILL

FANS from the Nutmeg State were treated to a busy month of fisticuffs. Hartford and New Haven ran weekly shows during the month, while New Britain and Norwich did their bit. During the month Julie Kogon went on his winning way and there was talk of a Kogon-Beau Jack fight for New Haven. Hartford fans are all agog over unbeaten Johnny Cesario and Joe Bennett, now of Hartford.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Joey Peralta, 136, Tamaqua, Pa., left-handed his way to a ten-round decision over Gene Ward, 136, stocky little Chicago Negro, making his first Eastern start. Ward was the harder puncher, but Peralta's left kept him at bay most of the time. Wilfe Shanks, 155, Montreal, Can., kayoed Verne Atkins, 150, Youngstown, O., in 2:20 of the second round. Georgie Marino, 138, Bridgeport, looked good in handing a six-round pasting to Bobby Ellis, 133, Plainville. Johnny Harvey, 162, Stamford, stopped Fred Mulholland, 168, Hartford, in the third of a four. Eddie Reardon, 118, Hartford, defeated Joe Landry, 116, Hartford, in the opener. This was their eighth meeting.

New Haven—the Arena—Julie Kogon, 133, New Haven, applied the sleeper to Lew Maxwell, 132, Newark, N. J., in the eighth round to ring up his fifth straight kayo. It was the first time that Maxwell had ever been counted out. Joey Gambaro, 141, New York, won on a T.K.O. over Chick Santos, 142, Bridgeport, when the latter suffered a cut eye in the fourth round. Tom Collins, 149, Waterbury, was whipped in six rounds by George Greytak, 145, Trumbull. Dula Kovach, 194, Naugatuck, and Tony Gillo, 193, New Haven, fought a four-round draw. Joey Wasnick, 130, New Haven, decisioned Lee Hogan, 136, New Haven, in another four.

Hartford—Auditorium—Joe Bennett, 150, New York Negro, proved that his kayo two weeks before over Verne Patterson was no fluke. Joltin' Joe flattened the former Chicago welterweight in the third of their return bout. Patterson was counted out in the third after being dropped in the second. Patterson weighed 148. Jimmy Anest, 133, deaf mute fighter from New York, kept walking in and throwing punches until he had knocked Jerry Zullo, 134, Chelsea, Mass., into submission in the second of their semi-final bout. Johnny Cesario, 133, 17-year-old unbeaten Hartford boy, kept up his winning ways by punching out a six-round win over Milton Bell, 131, New York Negro. Billy Brown, 160, Manchester, stopped Red Dolan, 155, Hartford, in the second of a four-spot.

Norwich—Hilltop Arena—Tony Gillo, 192, New Haven, proved too much for Albert Abelt, 178, New London, in the six-round main event. Abelt, a claimant of the light-heavyweight title of France before the war, was unable to solve the unorthodox style of Gillo. Georgie Marino, 138, Bridgeport, jabbed out a decision in the six-round semi-final over Jackie Connors, 140, Newark, N. J. Billy Brown, 150, Manchester, kayoed Jimmy Morrison, 152, Newark, N. J., Negro, in the second round. Jack Hawkes, 167, Hartford, stowed away Johnny Rice, 165, Stamford, in the third. Dave Duncan, 175, New London, decisioned Don Gordon, 165, Norwich, in four rounds. Al Stoll, 150, Groton, won on a T.K.O. over Bob Hedges, 149, Groton, in the first round.

New Haven—The Arena—Herman Badger, 172, hard-punching New Haven Negro, banged out an eight-round win over George Fuller, 183, South Norwalk, in the main event. Badger staggered Fuller twice, but couldn't as much as drop him. George Greytak, 146, Trumbull, scored his best win to date by knocking out Alex Doyle, 144, Garfield, N. J., in the second round of the semi-final. Dular Kovach, 193, Waterbury, flattened Steve Berkes, 190, Jersey City, N. J., in two heats. Johnny Rice, 166, Stamford, spotted Andy Milletto, 194, Waterbury, 28 pounds and knocked him out in the fourth round after giving him a bad beating. Joey Wasnick, 131, New Haven, outpointed Sal Maggio, 135, New York, in a four-rounder.

Hartford—Auditorium—Gunnar Barlund, 202, from Finland, emulated Jack the Giant Killer by toppling six feet eight inches Gilbert Stromquist of Texas nine times to stop him in the fifth round. Barlund shifted a body attack to the head in the third round and thus started the giant, who scaled 247, on his downfall. Donnie Maes, 130, Denver, Colo., stopped Tommy Murray, 134, Montreal, in the sixth and last round after having his man on the canvas no less than thirteen times. Earl Roys, 119, Bristol, belted out Joey Puig, 116½, New York, in the fifth round. A short right hand dropped Puig for the count. Eddie Reardon, 117½, Hartford, and Joe Landry, 117, Hartford, met for the ninth time, with Reardon again declared the winner. Referee Billy Conway had to pump his arm up and down 143 times during the card.

New Haven—The Arena—Julie Kogon, 133, New Haven, avenged two previous defeats and continued his winning ways by punching out a ten-round win over Bobby McIntire, 136, Detroit. McIntire was on the deck four times, but each time arose to press Kogon to his best. Tom Collins, 155, Waterbury, drew with Billy Brown, 153, Manchester, in a six-rounder. In another six spot, Snooks Lacey, 128, New Haven, whipped Tony Barcelona, 129, Garfield, N. J. Joey Wasnick, 132, New Haven, drew with Sal Mazzio, 138, New York, in a four-rounder. In a scheduled four, Steve Brogan, 161, Paterson, N. J., kayoed Red Dolan, 163, Hartford, in one round.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Ike Williams, 133, Trenton, N. J., met a Tartar in Willie Cheatum, 133, Newark, N. J., but managed to throw enough punches to score the decision in ten rounds. Gene Ward, 145, Chicago, Ill., knocked out Manuel Morales, 152, Puerto Rico, in the second round of the semi-final. Wilfe Shanks, 156, Montreal, Can., stopped Johnny Rice, 162, Stamford, in the third of another six. Rice injured his shoulder. Eddie Reardon, 121, Hartford, won in six heats over Al Rivera, 127, Puerto Rico. Fred Mulholland, 170, Hartford, chilled Billy Richardson, 164, Hartford, in a brawl.

Hartford—Auditorium—A "cutey" named Wild Bill McDowell, 160, Dallas, Tex., edged out a ten-round decision over Jerry Fiorello, 155, New York, in a rather tame affair. McDowell employed the hit-and-run style and had the aggressive Fiorello throwing punches up into the smoke. Johnny Cesario, 131, Hartford, made short work of Benny Iannotti, 126½, New York, by planting him in the resin in the first stanza. Freddy Schott, 208, Akron, O., proved to be a nice-looking heavyweight prospect by the manner in which he disposed of Joe Levy, 190, Brooklyn, in the first round. Melvin Knight, 156, Hartford, stopped Al Pease, 158½, New London, in one round. Freddy Polowitzer, 137, East Hartford, decisioned Gus Bounds, 135½, New London, in the opener.

New Haven—The Arena—Charley Eagle, 180, Waterbury veteran, proved too smart and cagy for Herman Badger, 172, New Haven, by whipping his younger rival over the eight-round route. Eagle snapped Badger's win streak at eight bouts. Willie Ciampi, 141, Newark, N. J., held George Marino, 142, Bridgeport, to a six-round draw in the semi-final. Snooks Lacey, 129, another veteran, decisioned Charles Cabey Lewis, 126, Brooklyn, in a six-rounder. Charlie Noel, 120, New York, outpointed Walter Cabey Lewis, 126, Brooklyn, in a four. Danny Fuller, 146, South Norwalk, scored a one-round kayo over Young Guarino, 140, Stamford.

Norwich—Hilltop Arena—Tony Gillo, 188, New Haven, outslugged Jack Hawkes, 169, Hartford, to win a hairline decision in the six-round main event. Both fighters were on the floor in the fifth round. Billy Brown, 157, Manchester, stopped Melvin Knight, 158, Hartford, in the fourth of the six-round semi-final. Jackie Cutie, 117, Quincy, Mass., halted Joe Landry, 120, Hartford, in the fifth round. Carl Schultz, 160, Hartford, knocked out Billy Richardson, 161, Hartford, in the third. Mickey McManus, 140, Norwich, stopped Jimmy Mahoney, 142, Providence, in the second of a four. Billy Barnes, 167, Providence, scored over Don Gordon, 163, Norwich, in the curtain-raiser.

Hartford—Auditorium—Joe Bennett, 152, now of Hartford, edged out Jerry Maloni, 155, Springfield, Mass., in ten rounds before the largest turnout of the season. Maloni staged a belated rally that fell short of evening up Bennett's lead. Johnny Cesario, Hartford's promising prospect, stopped Curley St. Angelo, 130½, New York, in the second of the semi-final. Cesario weighed 134. Harry Gentile, 137½, Hartford, won a six-round decision over Milton Bell, 134½, cagy New York Negro. Jackie Connors, 138, Newark, N. J., scored over Billy Marcus, 140, Hartford, in six rounds. Marcus had just received a medical discharge from the Army. Joey Wasnick, 126, New Haven, beat Eddie Reardon, 125, Hartford, in four heats.

Connecticut fans were shocked at the death of Aaron Eatman, South Norwalk Negro light-heavyweight, who was fatally injured in a fall from a truck. Eatman was very popular in both Connecticut and New York rings . . . Angelo Radano, also of South Norwalk, was injured in Italy. Angelo was a good lightweight and welterweight before going into the service . . . . Let's hear from you Connecticut fighters in the service . . . . The writer's address is 250 Saybrooke St., Hartford, Conn.

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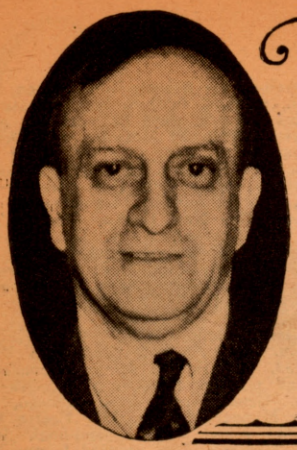

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Boxing Overcame Lack of Big Names

Murray's Dramatic Entry Into Top Ranks

Sharkey Makes Dempsey "The Champ"

BOXING, though shy the glamour attached to such names as Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Ray Robinson, Tony Zale, Willie Pep and other topnotchers, did pretty well during the year. Without most of the name fighters, the sport was carried on with exceedingly fine results through excellent pairing of available civilian talent with here and there a service man added as a special attraction. In some cities clubs that were heavily in the red and were on the verge of collapse, gained a new lease on life and for the first time in years, came through the year with a handsome profit.

The reason? American folk are sports minded. Regardless of the conditions abroad, they want their entertainment to take their minds off the gruesome reports from the battlefields and with more money in the hands of those who in pre-war times could ill afford it, they are spending big dough for the type of entertainment that suits them best. Boxing rates high in their listings.

Boston is one of the cities that has come to life as a New England boxing center. At one time the Hub boasted of the world's best fight clubs and staged the world's leading contests, bouts in which the cream of the fistic field participated. Now, though it doesn't hold its own with such cities as New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, San Francisco, San Diego, Hollywood and Cleveland, good fights staged twice a month, are drawing well and the inactivity that made Boston a dead issue in boxing two years ago, has given way to stirring matches that have placed the Hub on the fistic map again.

Thus again we find examples of doleful New Year's predictions of a year ago falling by the wayside. We have contended from the start of the war that boxing would continue with or without name fighters and that those who carry on would be amply repaid for their gamble, and the second year following the sneak Pearl Harbor attack, finds the skeptics high up a tree hiding from the public.

In making up the annual rating of boxers, I went through a total of 1727 indexed cards and from these, I selected 1294 boxers for listing. Of those, more than seventy percent are lads who have not reached their twentieth birthday with the majority just over eighteen. Thus boxing faces still greater depletion in 1944. But for every boy who joins the colors and is lost to the sport, another youth comes up to take his place.

We won't have any better boxers on exhibition than made their appearance during the past twelve months, but we are sure to have as good contests on view and as big gatherings to watch the boys—name fighters or just the average.

That's the American way of carrying on.

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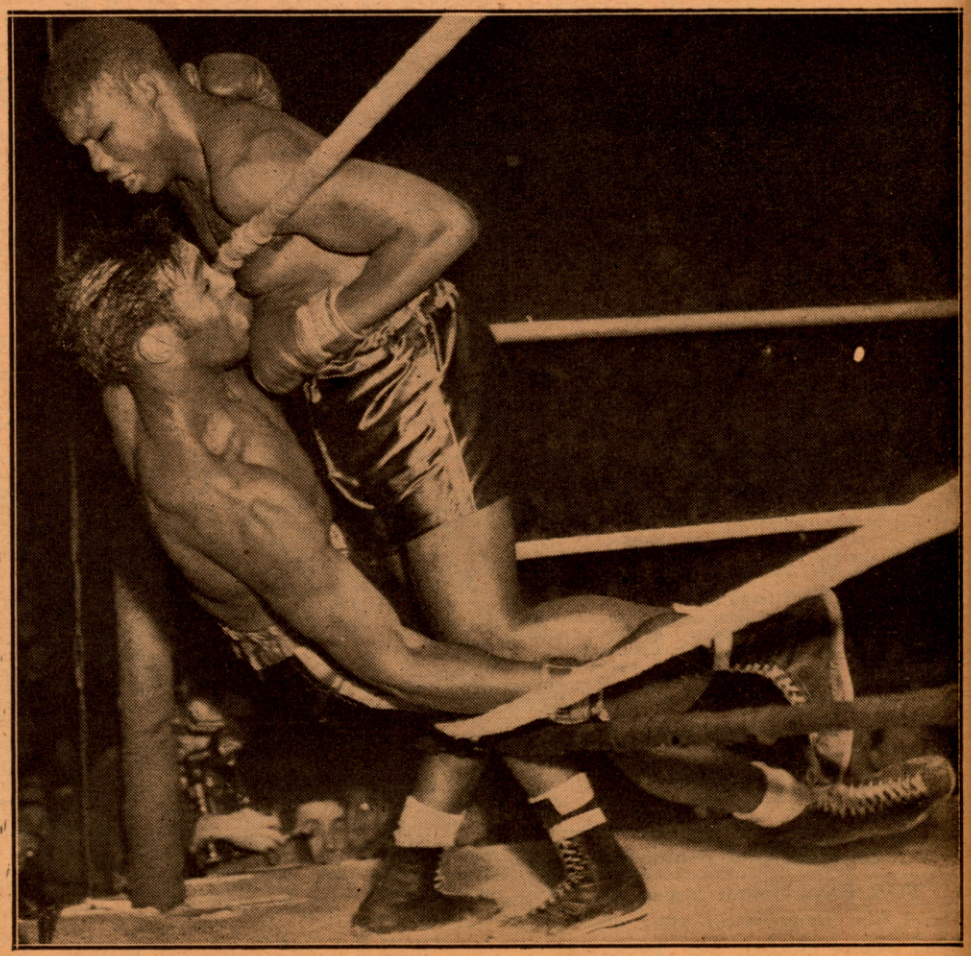
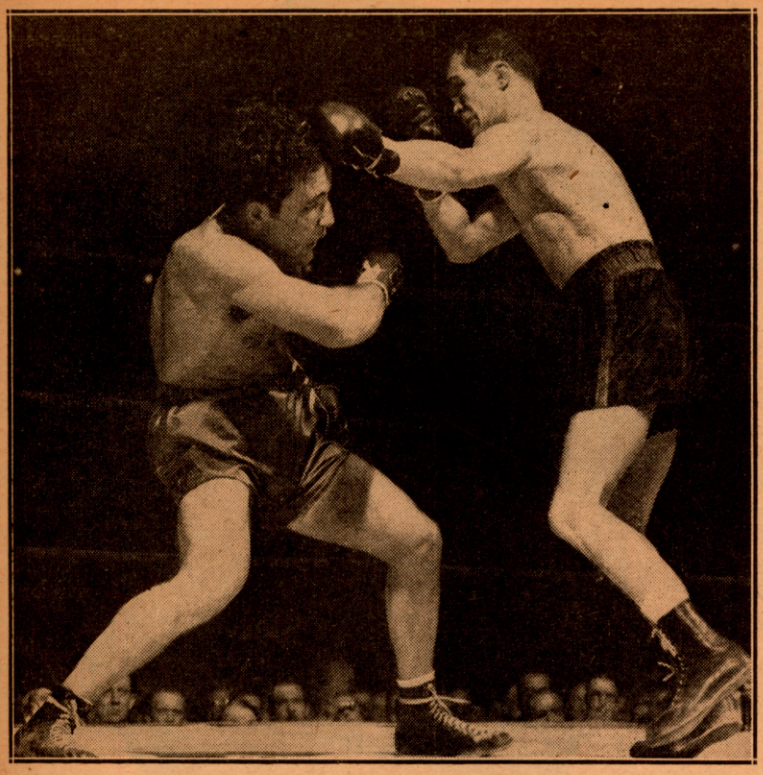
THE news that Andy Callahan, former New England lightweight and welterweight champion, whose home was Lawrence, Mass., had been killed in action on the Italian front, brought home more forcibly than ever the fighting qualities of the American boxers who are now scattered over the battle fronts in all parts of the globe. From Jackie Field, former world welter king, who like Callahan, had been sent to Italy, comes the report that Andy died a hero's death. The one-time boxing star passed away on Armistice Day while fighting with the Fifth Army against the Germans.

Andy was a first rate boxer before he turned pro in 1927. He fought the best men in his class and above his division and rolled



A distressing moment for Lee Q. Murray who is being shoved through the ropes by Jimmy Bivins in their Cleveland bout. A left to the jaw while Lee was against the ropes, put Lee in this uncomfortable position.



A scene in the battle between Fritzie Zivic (right) and Jake LaMotta, which Jake won in ten rounds. Zivic, outweighed by 12 pounds, couldn't hold his early lead though he gave an excellent performance.

up a good record. At the age of 31 he enlisted in the army and got his preliminary training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Last April he was sent overseas and served both in North Africa and in the campaign in Sicily. He was 33 years old. His brothers, William and Edwin, are in the service, the former with the Merchant Marine and Edwin, in the army.

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A FEW days before the report of Callahan's death reached the boxing world, another well-known boxer, Tabby Romero of Oklahoma (Pfc. Henry Ramirez), who campaigned in the middleweight division in his native state and California, was burned to death in camp at South Carolina. He was a member of a gunnery aerial outfit and his death was caused by a fire in his tent.

He was a veteran of California and the Southwest rings. While in the army he scored several knockouts, among his victims being Buddy Dyer of Dallas in two rounds; Jackie Lyons of Oklahoma City in two, and Grady Flynn of Will Rogers Field in six. When he entered the army he was assigned as a cook to William Rogers Field, but later was transferred to an aerial gunnery outfit.

He is survived by a wife and 14 months old son.

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WHEN Jimmy Bivins was awarded a unanimous decision over Lee Q. Murray in their Cleveland Christmas Fund bout, a contest that drew more than $55,000, his prestige wasn't enhanced any. Though Referee Jackie Davis and Judges Jim Parker and Herb Williams saw the Cleveland heavyweight, the ace civilian fighter in his class, as the winner, it was not so with the majority of the gathering. The boos that greeted the verdict were re-echoed in a nation-wide adverse comment in re the decision, stories in which the various news agencies and the majority of scribes who had covered the bout lambasted the decision as most unfair.

Thus Murray, though loser, gained in prestige and found himself right up among the leaders as a result of his fine performance. He proved that the praise showered upon him prior to the contest, had been well earned. Unless he is called by the draft, something that is likely to happen shortly, he should be a New York Garden and ball park headliner this year.

Bivins had never before been treated so roughly. His face was a mass of blood from a deep cut in the eye brought about by a solid right in the third round and from then to the finish, the claret spurt from the wound. Jimmy tried desperately to carry the fight to his opponent but his aggressiveness didn't prevent Lee from piling up points. The change of style from right hand fighting stance to that of a southpaw, checked Bivins. It was a good scrap but neither exhibited fighting qualities to cause Joe Louis to lose any sleep.

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THE decision of the Boxing Writers' Association of New York to honor all boxers, living or dead, who have answered their country's call to arms, is to be commended by the entire nation. Unlike previous years when one individual has been singled out to receive boxing's highest honors, the members, after considerable discussion in which many names were submitted, selected a group, rather than one person.

Fred Apostoli, Benny Leonard, Manuel Ortiz, Billy Soose, Ken Overlin, Freddie Cochrane, Tony Zale, Lou Ambers, Abe Greene, president of the National Boxing Association and the Editor of THE RING, were names selected for consideration, but it was decided that with the world at war, the Neil Memorial, hitherto given to Jack Dempsey, Billy Conn, Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong and Barney Ross, men considered at the time as having done most for boxing, should be awarded to the more than 4000 boxers serving the flag.

The decision was a wise one. These men, living and dead, have earned the respect of the nation by their splendid work both in home camps and on the battlefields. Many have passed into the Great Beyond. Some were killed in action, some through accidents, several are missing, two score have been wounded and a number have been decorated for bravery.

The gift, the most cherished award of all in sports, is boxing's tribute to the esteem with which the American public holds the glove wielders, pro and amateur, who are members of that huge roster of 4031 now registered with THE RING as members of the armed forces.

Our hats off to these stalwart athletes, our defenders in this worldwide war. They have well earned the honor bestowed upon them by the Boxing Writers' Association.

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JACK SHARKEY, former world heavyweight champion, who is now in England with a U.S.O. Red Cross group, with Lefty Gomez, the pitcher, and Freddie Corcoran, the golfer, to entertain the troops, took with him fight reels of his contests with Joe Louis and Jack Dempsey. Asked what he intended to do to add to the morale of the servicemen, Jack replied:

"Show them these pictures and then give them a talk. Since I'm the only fellow who fought both, I should be best able to answer the oft-repeated question, who was the greater fighter, Jack or Joe. I was knocked out by both and therefore am in a good position to tell the boys which hit the harder."

Then Jack went on to say, when pressed for his opinion:

"Dempsey was the Big Boss. The best fighter we ever saw. You can hit Joe with a left hook and hurt him or even drop him but when you hit Dempsey with the same type punch, nothing happened. If I had to bet, I'd wager that Jack Dempsey would knock out Joe Louis, both in their prime, and that he would do it in a jiffy."

So there we have the expert opinion of one who should be the best judge of such a contest. I kept pretty close tabs on the vote of servicemen in the various camps where I have exhibited my fight films and lectured, and the vote to date is about eighty percent for Jack to score over Joe. Only at two regiments, both of which were composed wholly of Negroes, did Joe get the nod.

AS the year ends, it is timely for me to "report to the nation" on behalf of Our Boys. On December 3, I gave my one man entertainment at the Fort Jay Hospital and there I celebrated my fiftieth appearance before servicemen in various parts of the country.

The following week, at the King's Point, Long Island Coast Guard School, where I wound up this year's showing of the pictures, the sailors were almost unanimous in their vote for the Manassa Mauler. I have found that the vote as a rule is based on the fact that whereas when Dempsey is hit, he does not falter, but steps in and wades away with all he can deliver, Louis becomes flabbergasted, covers up, gets into a clinch and on a number of occasions is dropped to the canvas or is almost downed.

In addition to paying flying visits to many camps, I have sent to a number of outfits 35 mm. films in spots where I could not make a personal appearance. Thus boxing, the sports the boys in camps most love, has been brought to them and it is safe to say that more than 200,000 service men in all branches have been entertained—and without the help of the U.S.O., which for some unknown reason, has seen fit to ignore this work. There is plenty of U.S.O. money floating around, but not one penny for that which the boys have proven they most enjoy.

In addition to the fight films, THE RING has been sent without cost to thousands of boys in overseas units.

That's why THE RING is so popular with the men of the armed forces. We hope to be able to continue this work in 1944.

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IN Manuel Ortiz, California's great little bantam king, we have a fighter of the Joe Louis type, a fighting champion who bans no one. It isn't often that boxing is blessed with a leader of a division who is not of the haggling type, one who realizes that the crown is not something to be placed in storage and to be defended only when a "has-been" or a "sure-thing" can be pressed into service as the challenger.

In Ortiz the sport has a title holder who can hold his head up high and say to the fistic world, "I am a real king." Eight times since clinching the title, he has faced the outstanding contenders and has come through with flying colors.

His latest victim, Benny Goldberg of Detroit, considered by Eastern fight critics who have not had the opportunity to see any of Ortiz's battles, as his toughest and best opponent to date, proved one of the easiest. The El Centro Mexican received the unanimous decision and so far ahead on points was he, that unless some unknown suddenly springs into the spotlight, he may find it necessary to abandon the division and to enter the featherweight class now badly in need of additional first rate talent. He should be a natural in the heavier division in which a bout between the bantam king and Chalky Wright would make an excellent Garden headliner.

Whatever chance Goldberg had because of his unorthodox style and ability to take it, was muffed because he fought a defensive battle. Instead of leading and taking the fight to his man, the Detroit challenger kept back-pedaling and sidestepping. He tried to roll up points by flicking his right to the champ's face often, but that was far from sufficient to offset the fighting qualities of the victor.

The bout was devoid of knockdowns but Ortiz came near dropping in the opening session when he was spun through the ropes.

As in many of his other bouts, Ortiz's nose bled from the sixth round to the finish. This is a physical condition—he is a bleeder.

The champ really didn't get going until the sixth round. Then, after five rather tame frames, he opened up. Hard rights reached his cagey, retreating foe with regularity.

In the tenth, Ortiz cut loose with a withering attack that drove Goldberg to the ropes where he remained a target for a heavy bombardment. In several succeeding rounds, especially the twelfth and thirteenth, the challenger was doubled up from body attacks and for a time it seemed he would not be able to go the route. The snarling Mexican youth who hits like a mule finished strongly.

Goldberg's defeat was his first and the victory of the champ was his nineteenth straight since losing to Tony Olivera on August 8, 1941. When Ortiz and Goldberg were preliminary boys, Benny twice took the measure of the champion.

James J. Corbett, "Gentleman Jim," whose memory has been honored by the War Shipping Board. The "S.S. Corbett" was recently launched in the Richmond, Cal., Shipyards.

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LOUIS "KID" SCALER, one of the toughest lightweights of the fight game in the first decade of this century, died last month at the Canadian Veterans' Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta. "Kid" Scaler was never a champion, but fought most of the topnotchers of his time, including Freddie Welsh, Bobby Johnson, Dick Hyland, Billy Snailham. He also fought Jack Kearns, later manager of Jack Dempsey, and knocked him out in three rounds. Kearns was so impressed that he quit fighting and took over the management of Scaler.

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BOXING was highly honored a few weeks ago when the Liberty Ship, "S.S. James J. Corbett" was launched at the Richmond Shipyards, Richmond, California. Notified that the ship bearing the name of her husband, who had died in 1931, was ready for war duty, Mrs. Corbett remarked:

"'Gentleman Jim' would have treasured this honor more than any he had won as a fighter, had he been alive. Needless to say I am honored, too. Recently they named the street where I live, Corbett Road, and last year the book, and the movie, 'Gentleman Jim' made their appearance. I felt a great honor had been paid his memory then, but the news from California, tops all.

"I do my bit toward the war effort and live with my memories. Right now, my prayers go with the 'S.S. James J. Corbett'—for her safety and that of the brave men who will man her."

Needless to say that the boxing world shares the honors with Mrs. Corbett. The "James J. Corbett," sailing the high seas, carrying war munitions and servicemen to the four corners of the world, symbolizes the American boxer in the World War.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

JACK SINGER got off to a start at promoting boxing shows at Memorial Auditorium on November 24, when Johnny Green, the Buffalo Negro lightweight boxer, took a split decision over chunky Babe Galento of Chicago at the end of eight rounds. Green has fought better bouts in Buffalo and appeared in poor condition. He tired perceptibly in the latter rounds. Referee Lou Scozza voted for Galento while Bill Meyers and Harry McCoy, judges, handed the verdict to Green. The crowd sided with the referee and booed the decision.

In other bouts on the Green-Galento program, Jimmy Mandell, 158, Buffalo, stopped Nelson Davis, 154, second round; Gene Ward, 147, Chicago, outpointed Mickey Austin, 146, Detroit, eight rounds; Nelson Sharpe, 149½, Buffalo, whipped Jackie Hoffman, 150, Syracuse, six rounds; Stan Kaspar, Dunkirk, 175, outpointed Fred Salensky, Syracuse, four rounds.

Jack Herman is enjoying a big wrestling season. His attractions are packing them in and again Buffalo takes the front as the top wrestling town of the country.

On November 26, Roy Graham, the wild cowboy, wrestled a 56-minute draw with Whipper Billy Watson. Other matches on the card resulted as follows: Ben Morgan threw Dick Henry; Wilbur Morgan tossed Jack Reeder; Babe Sharkey defeated Joe Christy; Karl Davis beat Pat Flannagan; George Hulbert and Nick Elitch wrestled to a draw.

Jack Singer, Buffalo's "Honest Brakeman," will make at least one attempt to snare a major boxing card for Memorial Auditorium during January. Singer realizes he must get some "name" attractions for the big hall and the H.A.C. promoter has several lines out for good bouts.

IN SHORT METRE—Tommy (Guy) Sulpi, boxing manager, who was suspended by the State Athletic Commission last month, is back in the good graces of that august body . . . . Sulpi is manager of Bobby Claus, Joe Muscato and other fighters . . . . Although the powers-that-be have installed new men in the places of Deputy Commissioner Jack Hodges and Inspector Bill Short, the same lineup of judges and referees still prevails . . . . This does not mean that we won't have a few Republicans licensed before long . . . . At present Buffalo has too many referees and a plethora of judges . . . . Add more to the present list and it complicates matters all the more . . . . Many of Jack Singer's friends question his wisdom in giving up the Old Vienna Theater for Memorial Auditorium . . . . The big building is a beautiful arena, but the cost of promotion there is terrifying . . . . If there was plenty of good fighting talent around, the picture might be different.

Singer's gym is a beehive of activity, despite the lack of good main bout material . . . . Every day twenty or more boxers do their training stunts at the Singer emporium and many wrestlers also work out there afternoons . . . . Jack Herman now admits 74 summers, although his quick brain and fast step suggest a man of fifty . . . . Dr. Louis A. Kaiser, boxing commission physician, has three doctor sons in the armed forces . . . . All hold commissions in the medical corps.

SO. JERSEY, DELAWARE AND PENNA. COAL REGION NOTES
By ARCHIE PIROLLI

JAMAICA HAROLD SMITH, Philadelphia welterweight, looks like the next big thing in these parts. Smith, managed by Frankie Thomas, pilot of Bob Montgomery, showed twice in Scranton, scoring as many knockouts against Charley Sabatella and Jimmy Willis. In Harrisburg, he stopped Tommy Daniels and defeated Ben Franklin. In Philadelphia, he stopped Billy Furrone, and in New York City, he stopped Milo Theodorescu, Freddy Graham, and defeated Neil Miller. Keep your eye on this fellow. The Coal Region promoters think Smith the newest find.

Atlantic City—Billy Wesley, Philadelphia heavyweight, knocked out Johnny Thomas of New York in the fourth round for Promoter Andy Applegate at the Waltz Dream Arena. Claude Ellison, promising fighter from the Brigantine Coast Guard, scored a one-round knockout over Todd Cole of Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.; Kid Ringold, 145, defeated Lorenzo Johnson, 145, in six rounds; Billy Arnold, 147, flattened Carmen Grasso, 144, in the second round; Jimmy McNeal, 145, knocked out Curley Dunbar, 142, in the second round.

Atlantic City—Billy Furrone, Philadelphia, defeated Babe Galento, New York, in eight rounds. Galento weighed 149 and Furrone scaled 146. The fight that brought the house down was the six-round semi-windup between Austin Johnson, 186, of the resort, and Billy Wesley, 212, of Philadelphia, which resulted in a draw. In other bouts, Eddie Petrone, 144, defeated Wigfall, 153, both Philadelphians; Claude Ellison, 185, knocked out Ben Russ, 174, in the first round.

Reading—Hubert Samuels, 132, Reading, outpointed Joe Amico, 134, Philadelphia, in the eight-round feature in a boxing show staged by Promoter Harry Weill in the State Armory. In the semi-final of six rounds, Speedy Duvall, 159, Philadelphia, decisioned Charley Gaines, 156, Wilmington. Results of other bouts: Lee Datts, 153, Philadelphia, knocked out Jimmy Williams, 156, in the third round; Jim Long, 143, Wilmington, scored a T.K.O. over Frankie Davis, 143, in the fourth round; Jimmy Reeves, 144, Allentown, stopped Dixie Mason, 137, Wilmington, in the second round.

Harrisburg—Lester (Cueball) Young, 137-pound Philadelphia Negro, won a ten-round decision over Pedro Firpo, 134, of Camden, N. J. Georgie Williams, 150, Baltimore, decisioned Jimmy Willis, 156, Wilmington, in six. Eddie Kane, 150, Baltimore, knocked out Henry McNeill, 145, Philadelphia, in the sixth.

Scranton—Charlie McPherson, 158, Brooklyn, N. Y., brought the 25-bout winning streak of Sgt. Joe Shir, 158, Tobyhanna, Pa., to a close with a fourth-round knockout at the Casino.

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Apostoli and Ortiz

(Continued from page 8)

A REAL fighting champion is the leader of the bantams, Manuel Ortiz, from El Centro, Calif. This Mexican farm boy successfully defended his crown eight times during 1943 and clashed with every worthwhile opponent who sought to take the title from him. He not only is the class of the division, but by his activity he kept the pot boiling in the bantam class. He is undefeated in a dozen battles, with eight knockouts on his list.

In Group 1, we find a Hawaiian, Rush Dalma, as the outstanding challenger. Rush's recent defeat of David Kui Kong Young gained for him a post long occupied by his victim. Lou Salica, who was stopped by Ortiz in eleven rounds, holds down third place, with Benny Goldberg, the champ's latest victim, next in line. Goldberg, listed by critics as the best of Ortiz's opponents for the year, lost in a one-sided battle in which the champ did most of the fighting.

Goldberg suffered the first defeat in his career. Previously during the year he stopped Rufus Rogers in two rounds, Mario Morales in two, Jose Rozo in four, drew with Leonardo Lopez in ten, and won from Tony Olivera in ten.

Olivera, our next choice, had eight bouts, of which he lost two, the one to Goldberg and one to Ortiz, who stopped him in seven sessions.

Jim Brady of Scotland, Leonardo Lopez of Mexico, Al Phillips of England, Tommy McGlinchey of Glasgow, Joe Robleto of Pasadena, Calif., Sammy Medina of Panama, Dado Marino of Hawaii, Elwood Romero of Sacramento, Calif., Allan Hall of Australia, Tommy Plowright of England, and Kenny Lindsay of Canada follow in the order named.

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THE class of the flyweights is to be found in the British Empire, where the gamecocks of the ring abound and are among the best drawing cards. To Jackie Paterson, member of the British armed forces, goes the honor not only of heading the division as its king, but being by far the world's best lad at his weight. The man whom he beat for the title, Peter Kane, is the outstanding challenger with Sammy Reynolds, another British soldier, close on his trail.

Though we rate Little Dado next as the third best contender, the Hawaiian champion, recognized by the Hawaii Boxing Board as its world title-holder, really should be classed in the higher division. The only reason he is listed in the lowest one is because, though he has scaled more than 115 pounds for all his fights, the Board insists that he can readily make the flyweight limit and prefers he be rated in that class. Were he ranked by THE RING in the bantam section, he would receive the same position he occupies among the flyweights.

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THE weight of the war is felt in every way in the ranking of the above boxers. Whereas in past years as many as 1800 boxers were listed from 4000 or more names recorded on our index cards, this year 1293 boxers are so honored out of less than 2000 active fighters, most of whom were novices, lads in their teens.

As of December 15, there are 4043 fighters, past and present professionals, in the service, and with them, 33 former and present-day champions. In addition, more than 6000 amateurs are in the service, men from whom the pros drew most of their talent.

The loss of manpower has been terrific, and 1944 will see the ranks even more depleted. THE RING glories in the wonderful showing of boxing in combat, in Army forts, Navy stations air concentrations, and in the merchant marine. In addition to showing their colors as real fighting men, they have spread the seed of sportsmanship to lands where clean fighting was unknown.

To these fighters, champions and the lesser lights, past and present figures in the roped square, we doff our hats in honor of the service they are rendering to their country and to boxing.

Though the year was marked by the shutdown of many clubs and a dearth of top fighters, interest in the sport was kept at a high pitch. This is exemplified by the huge attendance and gates at the majority of shows staged. Scarcely a club that took the gamble but came through with a profit, an indication that boxing remains in top favor with the American public.

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LEARN *to* BOX *and* FIGHT

Members of the Army Air Forces Training School Receive Special Training in Self-Defense—Many Star Pros in Camp Aid Amateurs

By SGT. JERRY WEINSTEIN

BOXING is the most popular sport among the "Keep 'Em Flying" boys at the Army Air Forces Training Center No. 1 at Miami Beach. Two all-star shows are held weekly and every seat is filled long before the opening bout. Standing room is at a premium.

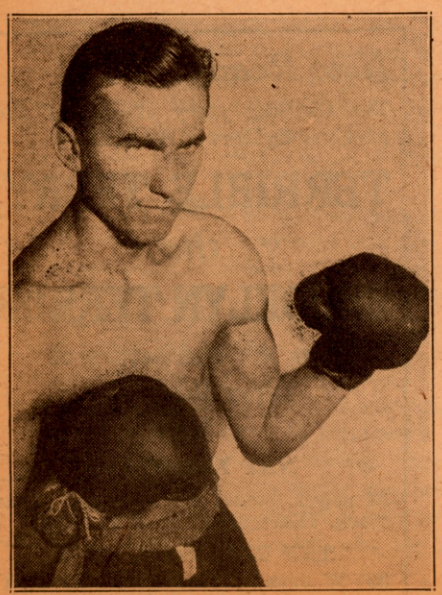
Recently William Schulkin, globe trotting RING correspondent who has just returned from a tour of the South Pacific, was at one of the camp shows and he was greatly impressed with the calibre of boxing displayed by the members of the Army Air Forces.

A fine crop of former professional ring stars are at this post. These, mixed with willing novices who have learned their jabs and hooks since they have entered the Army, provide an excellent variety for the matchmakers who consistently come up with truly great bouts.

Pvt. Natie Brown, former Washington heavyweight, who twice fought Joe Louis, is coach of the boxing team representing the Army Air Forces Non-Commissioned Officers' Physical Training Instructors' School at Miami Beach. Pvt. Brown is describing the value of Pvt. Johnny Johnson's left. Looking on, behind Johnson is Cpl. Milton Kessler, former New York pro, and Cpl. Hardy Sorkin, former good pro boxer. With the gloves on, standing to Brown's left, is Pvt. Andy Peppe.

Among the better known pros working with the Air Forces fighters here are Natie Brown, Washington, D. C., heavy, who went 10 rounds with Joe Louis in 1935 and then suffered a four rounds kayo at the hands of the Brown Bomber in 1937; Milton Kessler, brilliant welterweight prospect from New York; Pvt. Andy Peppe, New York middleweight.

Then there are Pvt. Gordon Baxley Hardy of Augusta, Ga., who won the Southern welter crown from Garvey Young a few years back, and Cpl. Hardy Sorkin, a successful welterweight in New York a decade ago who has made an impressive comeback.



Pvt. Joey Yarosz, 19-year-old brother of Teddy, one of the best amateurs at Miami Beach. Joey, a welter, packs a hefty wallop.

SEVERAL top-notchers also have gone through this gigantic Air Forces post. Among these were Lt. Steve Hamas, the Penn State heavyweight who battered Max Schmeling in Philadelphia, but was stopped by him in Germany, and Joey Maxim, Cleveland heavyweight, who was knocking at the contenders' door when war temporarily halted his ring career.

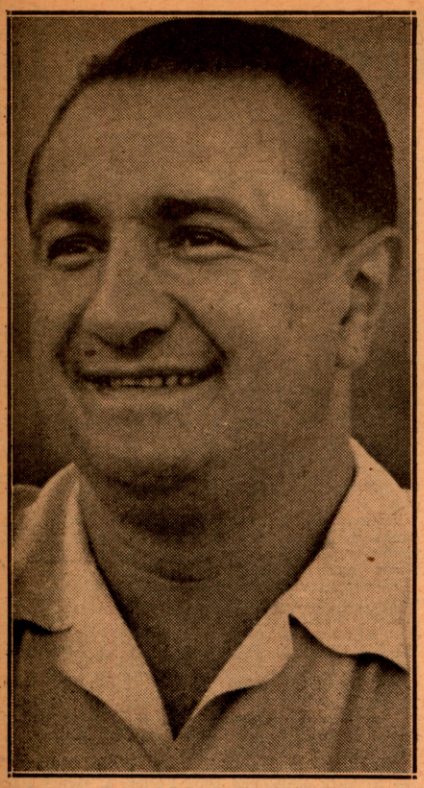
Hardy serves as matchmaker for one of the weekly shows. A veteran at 28, the Georgian who scored 48 victories—27 by the kayo route—against only three losses uses his ring knowledge well to match these soldier-boxers.

Sgt. Stan Siranovich of Millvale, Pa., a Pittsburgh suburb, is the matchmaker for the other show. Siranovich was a standout amateur, then served as coach at Indiana, Pa., State Teachers College. A welter, he's undefeated in 11 Army bouts.

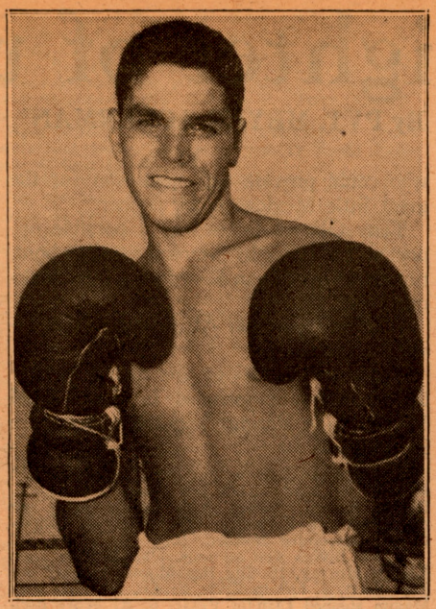
Several amateurs have risen to stardom in these strictly "GI" shows. There are Cpl. Emil Zoltak of Milwaukee, Wisc., who won the Golden Gloves middleweight title at Chicago last January; Pvt. Dutch Beldon of Collbarn, Colo., who is undefeated in 15 light-heavyweight matches; Pvt. Herb Carlson, 18-year-old Idaho youth who has beaten the best middleweights here; S/Sgt. Eddie Sulkowski (one of Pittsburgh's fighting Sulk family), a rugged welter; Pvt. Joey Yarosz (Tommy's younger brother), another 145-pounder who has all the equipment of his namesake in the ring; and Pvt. Charles Rinker of Allentown, Pa., a 160-pounder who had six pro fights before he entered the Army.

Intercollegiate champions also have shown their

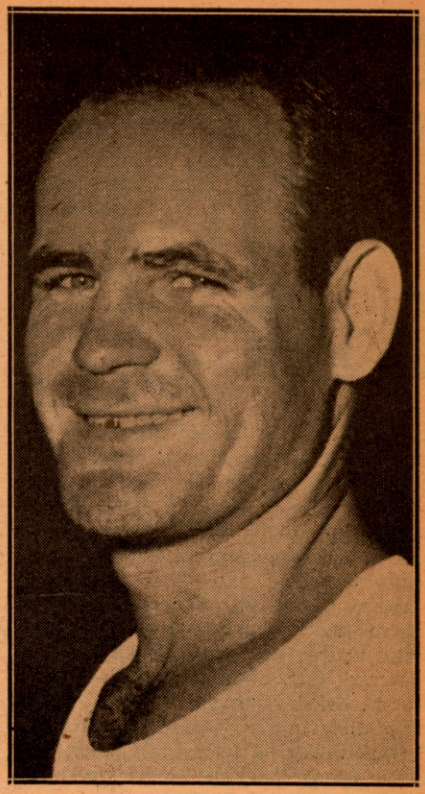
Sgt. Stan Siranovich, undefeated in eleven bouts and a standout amateur in Pittsburgh before he entered the service. This rugged welter is the matchmaker for the Miami Beach Army Air Forces School.



William Schulkin, globe-trotting correspondent of THE RING, *who has returned from Hawaii and a trip around the Western and Southern fight circuit.*



Pvt. Andy Peppe of Greenwich Village, New York City, who has lost only twice in 98 bouts, pro, amateur and Army. He is with the Army Air Force.



Pvt. Gordon Baxley Hardy, Augusta veteran, who serves as matchmaker at the basic training center in Miami Beach.

ability at Miami Beach. Pvt. Salvatore "Toots" Mirabito, Syracuse University's National Collegiate heavyweight title-holder; Pvt. Billy Stanley, Penn State 125-pounder; and the Byrnes brothers, Art and Bill, Syracuse 125- and 135-pounders, are a few of the college ring products.

Kessler with 14 victories out of 18 pro bouts in and around New York, six by kayoes, and Peppe, a Greenwich Village boy who lost only twice in 98 amateur, professional and Army bouts, sport the best records. Peppe and Hardy recently fought two windups which were tremendous crowd pleasers.

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POSSIBLY the best example of how the Army Air Forces teaches its soldiers how to fight is the case of Pvt. Norman Adelberg, 19-year-old Fort Worth, Texas, welter. Adelberg never had a boxing glove on until he started his basic training here. With a few lessons from Sulkowski and Shinder, Adelberg entered his first bout. He lost that and the next one but then he started to win. After gaining five consecutive verdicts, he met Kessler in a four-round main event and earned a draw by keeping his head and throwing a sharp left jab at the ring-wise Kessler.

Hardy and Siranovich draw their novice talent from the many training groups. The only "training" for the ring done by these boxers must be accomplished during off-duty hours—after a 5 a. m. to 7 p. m. day of drilling, physical training, marksmanship, chemical warfare and other phases of soldiering—a big day.

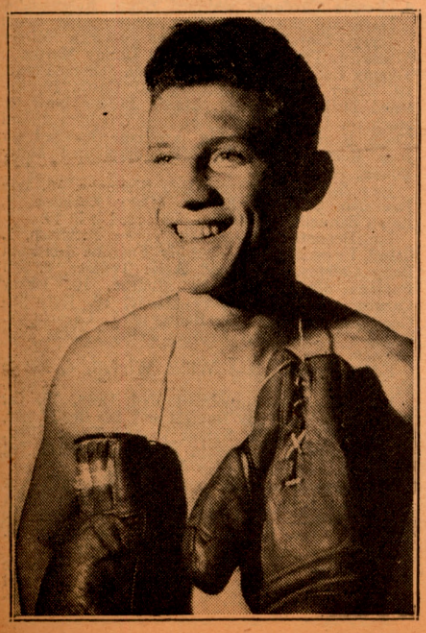
Brown, Kessler, Peppe, Zoltak, Sorkin and Shinder are students at the Army Air Forces Non-Commissioned Officers' Physical Training Instructor's school here. Brown serves as coach—a job which he calls "fascinating"—and daily workouts are held with as many as 15 boxers taking part. Brown calls them a fine group of fighters, a group which he'd be "willing to match with anyone."

Many of these novices are Aviation Cadet Candidates—future fliers, bombardiers and navigators. They take their boxing seriously, with the comment that "we never know when we'll need our fists if we're ever forced down in enemy territory."

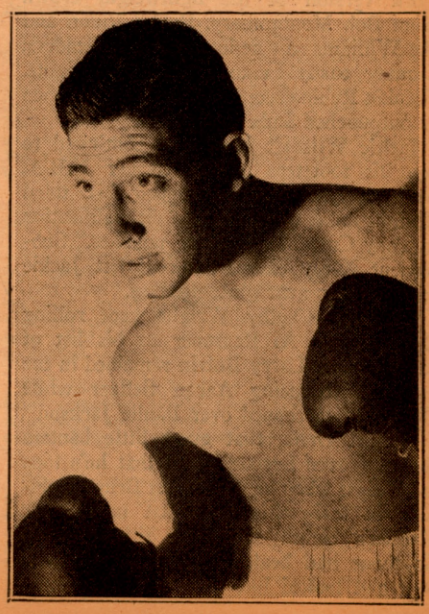
First Lt. Walter Nelson of Milwaukee, Wisc., supervises the boxing program, assisted by Second Lt. Duane Wirick.

Yes, the Army Air Forces Training School is teaching its soldiers how to fight—in the boxing ring as well as in the air.

Those in charge of the athletic program at the station have come to the conclusion that boxing must form a vital part of the physical training schedule and every effort is made to fit the lads both physically and mentally for the tasks ahead of them. Knowing how to protect oneself is most important, and the soldiers have this drilled into them, until they become proficient.



Cpl. Milton Kessler, New York welter, who is physical training instructor for the Air Forces at Miami Beach.



Pvt. Norman Adelberg, a novice, who had never fought before arriving at Miami Beach for basic training. He lost his first two bouts, then won five in a row.

Murray, Fighter of the Month

By PVT. MEYER ACKERMAN

FOR the second time within the short space of six months hard-hitting Lee Q. Murray cops the Fighter of the Month Award. The spectacular - socking heavyweight deserves the accolade for in his fight with Jimmy Bivins he aroused interest in the heavyweight division almost comparable to the time when Joe Louis was in action meeting all comers. Young Joe Baksi helped matters quite a bit by flattening Buddy Walker and looking every inch a heavyweight contender.

Arturo Godoy won a scrap in South America and is considering coming to the United States. Gus Dorazio looked good in trouncing Nate Bolden. So with Bivins, Murray, Baksi, Mauriello, Dorazio, Godoy and possibly Curtis Sheppard and Turkey Thompson matched among each other, this Winter season should be boxing's best yet since the war. Credit should be given to Ray Arcel, well-known for years as a top-notch trainer who has coached and nursed Lee Q. Murray along until today the Connecticut Clouter is the most talked of performer in pugilistic circles.

The light heavies were fairly active and among the welcome faces returning to the ring after a long absence was that of Coast Guardsman Johnny Colan who defeated Billy Grant in his first start in almost a year.

In the middleweight ranks, Holman Williams who has been showing his greatest fighting form in years won acclaim in the easy manner in which he subdued stiff-socking Sailor Steve Belloise. Archie Moore boxed his way back into ring prominence by defeating Jack Chase. Jose Basora and Coley Welch were active scoring wins.

The welterweight class was quite active, but interest centered on the lightweight division where Beau Jack won back his New York version of the lightweight crown from Bob Montgomery. Bobby Ruffin and Ike Williams saw action among the leaders, winning easily in their respective fights. Frankie Rubino scored a terrific upset when he outpunched Lulu Costantino.

Jackie Wilson's hard luck continued to dog his footsteps as the former N.B.A. featherweight champ dropped his third straight duke, this time on a disqualification to Tony Costa, for "pulling punches." Subsequent X-ray exams showed that Jackie had a broken arm while fighting.

Ol' Man Chalky Wright kept rolling along adding Al Reasoner to his list of kayo victims. Larry Bolvin remained in the limelight trouncing Aaron Seltzer while Harry Jeffra copped over Paulie Jackson.

Manuel Ortiz, that great little bantam champ proved beyond doubt that he's tops in his class when he easily beat Benny Goldberg in their title bout last month for Manuel's eighth successive title defense. Goldberg had beaten Ortiz in a previous bout and looked like the only one around who could provide any opposition for the great little Mexican truck farmer.

Tony Olivera loomed as a possible opponent for Ortiz by winning another bout, time time over Juan Renedo via the knock-out route.

Dado Marino beat Al Chavez in the fly-weight ranks.

There are no ratings this month because the ratings are included in the Annual World-Wide Ratings appearing elsewhere in this issue.

Here are the heavyweight bouts of the month: Buddy Scott knocked out Jim Bowden, 4. Johnny Denson kayoed Bowden in 2. Arturo Godoy put the snore on Fernando Menichelis, 7. Jimmy Carollo outpointed Bowden, 10.

Jimmy Bivins won an unpopular decision from Lee Q. Murray, 10. Big Ben Morosz knocked out Jack Scott, 2, lost to Ernie Griffin, 10. Pvt. Joey Maxim stopped Claudio Villar, 6. Al Ware decisioned Gene Felton, 8.

Elmer Ray stopped Sgt. Ernie Rios, 5, outpointed Bob Smith, 10. Nick Fiorentino outpunched Joe Sofi, 8.

Joe Baksi outpointed Herbert Marshall, 10, showed great form flattening Buddy Walker, 5.

HERE are the outstanding new fighters who came to the fore during the past month:

Flyweight—Terry Allen, London, England.

Bantamweight—Eli Golindo, California.

Featherweight — Bernard Docusen, New Orleans, La.

Lightweight—Jerry Coursol, Valley Stream, L. I.

Welterweight—Chuck Hunter, Cleveland, Ohio.

Middleweight—None available.

Light-heavyweight—Buddy Millard, Houston, Texas.

Heavyweight—Walter Haefer, United States Marine Corps.

Buddy Walker kayoed Buddy Paul, 6. Al Jordan beat Bob Smith, 10. Tony Gillo outpointed Albert Abelt, 6, Jack Hawks, 6, lost to Jim Mulligan, 6. Eddie White knocked out Bill Deering, 2, gained the duke over Abner Powell, 8. Jimmy Gardner surprised by stopping Joe Sofi, 1.

Gus Dorazio decisively trimmed Nate Bolden, 10. Jimmy (Shamus) O'Brien stopped Willie Johnson, 5, knocked out O. C. Loftus, 2. Lee Oma outpointed Larry Lane, 10, Georgie Parks, 10.

Gunnar Barlund knocked out Gil Stromquist, 5, Lindy Elliott, 3. Lindy Elliott knocked out Mickey Hayes, 3, lost to Jim Fitzjames, 8.

Paul Hartnek scored over Young Millich, 10, lost to Buddy Millard in 10. Millard knocked out Frankie Nelson, 8.

Danny Cox drew with Billy Sunday, 6, whipped Larry Scalone, 8. Curtis Sheppard made short work of Clent Conway, 1.

Bill Weinberg outpointed Eldridge Eatman, 10. Saint Thomas stretched Lou Thomas for the count, 9. Billy Wesley knocked out Johnny Thomas, 4. Fred Schott knocked out Joe Thomas, 2. Claude Ellison knocked out Todd Cole, 2.

Charley Eagle knew too much for Herman Badger, 8, Walter Haefer punched out a decision over Jimmy Bell, 6. Wallace Cross drew with Willie Thomas, 8, lost to Howard Thompson, 8.

In the light-heavyweight class, Jimmy Reeves outpointed Otis McGraw, 8. Pvt. Gib Jones outpointed Charley Jones, 8, drew with Bennetto Payne, 8. Payne stopped Jimmy Grinnage, 5. Aaron Eatman beat Larry Scalone, 8. Dusty Wilkerson stopped Felix Del Paoli, 2. Ted Randolph stopped Joe Jackson, 5. Oscar Goode beat Louis Jones, 6, Ted Randolph, 8.

Herman Badger outclassed George Fuller, 6. Joe Mack knocked out Bill Shead, 2. Stan Kaspar whipped Fred Salensky, 4.

Johnny Colan returned to the ring after a year's absence to defeat Billy Grant, 8. Fred Mulholland knocked out Willie Richardson, 2. Tommy Campanella and Teddy Reynolds drew, 8. Sgt. Gaston Miller knocked out Jimmy Wilson, 8. Midnight Bell won from Earl Washington, 10. Ray Augustus beat Jack Nelson, 10. Teddy Brown stopped Tony Vone, 2.

The middleweights were active. Here are their results:

Jose Basora outpunched Ossie Harris, 10. Coley Welch also defeated Harris, 10. Bobby McKenzie knocked out Harold Moses, 1. Freddy Flores knocked out Billy Walker, 1.

Wilfe Shanks knocked out Verne Atkins, 2, won on foul from Coolidge Miller, 6, and stopped Johnny Rice, 3, but was knocked out by Bobby Howard, 1.

Joe Reddick outpointed Dick Fuller, 8. Tommy Fallon knocked out Randy Drew, 3, Leon Anthony, 4, and Johnny Harris, 3. Nick Toretto stopped Steve Kirsch, 3.

Joe Mulli decisioned Jimmy Williams, 6, drew with Tony Grey, 6. Billy Brown stopped Red Dolan, 2. Frankie Terry walloped Tony Grey, 8. Johnny Brown scored a technical knockout over Bob Wade, 4.

Johnny Carter defeated Burley Lanier, 10, Andy Holland, 10. Bill McDowell beat Jerry Fiorello, 8, repeated in 10, and trounced Jackie Goodman, 8.

Holman Williams defeated Eddie Booker, 12, Steve Belloise, 10. Oscar Suggs outpointed Billy Connerty, 8. Lane Hale stopped Roman Starr, 4. Louis Jones stopped Herschel Todd, 2.

Herbie Brydon knocked out Harold Gray, 2. Gray lost to Tony Riccio, 8. Little Tiger Wade stopped Eddie Guerra, 1. Bradley Holmes won the decision over Charley McPherson, 6. Johnny Walker flattened McPherson, 5. Vic Dellicurti won a close one from Joe Agosta, 8.

Joe Governale beat Johnny Jones, 8. Nick Toretto knocked out Angelo Marchica, 2. Gene Pinter drew with Freddy Flores, 8. Russ Baxter knocked out Johnny Harris, 4, Art France, 6, was upset by Bill Kendrick, 6.

Sgt. Anthony Jones belted out P. G. Carson, 8. Joe Reddick decisioned Dick Fuller, 8. Henry Hall stopped Mike Edwards, 2. Bernie Cardenas bested Russ Metcalf, 4. Waddell Washington outpunched Sanford Tuckett, 8.

Marvin Bryant was awarded a split verdict over Larry Anzalone, 8. Joey Varoff knocked out Jimmy Morrison, 5.

Archie Moore beat Jack Chase, 10. Jack Hawks knocked out Johnny Rice, 3. Fred Cabral scored over Buddy Farrell, 10. Jimmy Mandell stopped Nelson Davis, 2. Jess Moraney knocked out Lee Rosen, 5.

Henry Chmielewski again flattened Jackie Caparell, 5. Frankie Augustin beat Moby Beceril, 4. Joe Albanese won from Buddy Holmes, 6. Ralph Regan, 4. Bobby Howard whipped Johnny Jones, 6.

Archie Moore decisioned Jack Chase, 10. Paulie Peters stopped Top Row Allen, 6. Herb Kinsey flattened Bob Simmons, 3. Gene Pinter stiffened Leon Anthony, 3. Speedy Duvall decisioned Charley Gaines, 6. Lee Datts knocked out Jimmy Williams, 3. Jiggs Donahue knocked out Ike Powers, 3.

Bradley Lewis knocked out Danny Aldridge, 1. Bobby Berger nosed out Leroy Wade, 6, was flattened by Lloyd Marshall, 4. Van McNutt stopped Roscoe Smith, 8, was upset by Jimmy Brooks, 10. Tom Collins drew with Billy Brown, 6. Steve Brogan knocked out Red Dolan in 1.

Fitzy Fitzpatrick won a decision from Sammy Kirsch, 8. Johnny Dias beat Wayne Powell, 10. Leo Turner stopped Kid Hermosillo, 5. Paul Lewis turned back Saverio Turiello, 10. Billy Irwin knocked out Preston Hodges, 1.

Gene Thomas won a decision over Pete Romero, 4. Bernie Cardenas whipped Edgar Robinson, 4.

Here are the outstanding welterweight bouts:

Jerry Fiorello stopped the veteran Mickey Makar, 4. Tony Riccio defeated Danny Martin, 8. Tommy Bell won a split duke from Johnny Brown, 10. Tippy Larkin outpointed Al Costa, 10, flattened Doll Rafferty, 2. Maxie Berger knew too much for Chuck Hunter, 8. Joey Gambaro stopped Chick Santos, 4. Jackie Armitage knocked out Joey Ross, 3. Joe Donofrio outpointed Lester Young, 10.

Joey Sulick won from Bob Simmons, 10. Izzy Jannazzo trounced Ernest (Cat) Robinson, 8, Ralph Zannelli, 10. Zannelli reversed it in 10.

Joe Bennett knocked out Verne Patterson, 3, licked Jerry Maloni, 10. Billy Furrone decisioned Baby Galento, 8, as did Artie Tedesco, 8. Bill Parsons defeated Johnny Monroe, 10. Johnny Caruso outpointed Mickey Makar, 10. Jerry McGee lost another to Bellesandro Carubia, 4. Carubia knocked out Georgie Zeitz, 2, beat Tony Grey, 6.

Eddie Petrone beat Willie Wigfall, 6, lost to Frankie Allen, 6.

Frankie Wills outpointed Red Doty, 10, Cat Robinson, 10. Sammy Daniels and Bee Bee Wright, no contest, 6. Babe Synott kayoed Eddie Silvia, 2, Joe Jackson, 6. Harold Smith outpointed Neil Miller, 6, kayoed Charley Willis, 2.

Leo Sawicki knocked out Ernie Kapps, 6, won a decision from Joe Lemieux, 10. Oscar Suggs beat Lemieux, 8. Aaron Perry flattened Joe Terry, 2. Sheik Rangel drew with Lige Drew, 10. George Graytak knocked out Alex Doyle, 2.

Lou Woods stopped Charlie Wells, 8. Vinnie Vines defeated Larney Moore, 8, was knocked out by Ruben Shank, 9. Gaspare Abruzzo out-

pointed Stanley Miller, 6, flattened Nick Calder, 3. Johnny Green beat Baby Galento, 8. Joey Haddad whipped Mike Bulik, 8.

Coast Guardsman Danny Kapilow had little trouble beating Solomon Stewart, 8. Billy Brown flattened Jimmy Morrison, 2.

Eddie Cerda trounced Leroy Wade, 6. George Duke nosed out Bobby Garcia, 6. Nelson Tharpe outpointed Jackie Hoffman, 6. George Williams beat Jimmy Willis, 6.

Eddie Kane knocked out Henry McNeil in 6. Johnny Potenti stopped Gene Margarida, 3. Norm Cordado knocked out Al Jolson, 1. Sandy Mack outpointed Reds Rahn, 8.

Eddie Halligan drew with Ross Romero, 8. Jim Long knocked out Frank Davis, 4. Jim Reeves stopped Dixie Mason, 2.

Herbie Brydon knocked out Jimmy Morrison, 2. Willie Calhoun won his first Coast battle with Lincoln Stanley, 6. Benny Jeffries stopped Julio Galluci, 7.

Joe Curcio and Coolidge Miller boxed a draw, 8. Eddie Ellis and Benny Williams battled to a draw, 10. Rocky Graziano trounced Freddie Graham, 8, Charlie McPherson, 6. Kid Ringold defeated Lorenzo Johnson, 6.

Frankie Terry outpunched Phil Enzenga, 8, as did Sammy Mammone, 8. Fred Addeo won from Frankie Velez, 8. Tony Grey outpointed Verne Atkins, 4, as did Gene Riley. Berry Wright decisioned Lee Hogan, 4.

Charlie Sabatelle decisioned Lester Young, 10. Billy Tordiglione knocked out Jackie Connors, 2. Joe Keyes took a decision over Ike Blair, 10.

Babe Nugent knocked out Jimmy Synott, 1. Babe Synott knocked out Charlie Sardo, 6. Frankie Proulx stopped Young Roberts, 4. Steve Riggio outpointed Leroy Saunders, 8.

Maxie Starr won over Charlie Davis, 6. Al Evans outscored Stanley Tuckett, 8, drew with Leo Sawicki, 10. Ruby Richards won from Teddy Greene, 4. Whitey Shaw outpointed Oscar Suggs, 8.

In the lightweight class, the results were:

Beau Jack outpointed Bob Montgomery, 10, to win the New York State version of the world lightweight championship. Bobby Ruffin belted out Joey Bagnato, 2.

Ike Williams whipped Willie Cheatum, 8. Oscar Lewis upset Pat Demers, 8. Demers outpointed Harry Hitlian, 10. Lewis beat Charlie Davis, 8. Gene Rojo knocked out Freddy Long, 9.

Willie Beltran scored a kayo over Billy Cabey, 1. Joe Barnum and Nick Moran drew, 10. In a return go, Barnum won, 10.

Joey Peralta scored over Gene Ward, 10. Ward whipped Mickey Austin, 8, and knocked out Manuel Morales, 2. Julie Kogon knocked out Lew Maxwell, 8, outpointed Bobby McIntire, 10. Maxwell stopped Pete Galiano, 4. Kogon defeated Dusty Brown, 10. Carmine Fatta was awarded the duke by disqualification from Eddie Dowl, 5. Fatta also trounced Sonny Wilson.

Lulu Costantino looked great stopping Freddie Pope, 4, but was upset by Frankie Rubino, 10. Bernie Bernard beat Sammy Stigliano, 6. Johnny Guarino belted out Zach Taylor, 4, beat Al Vasquez, 6. Taylor drew with Tommy Warnock, 4, Jimmy Dunn, 4. Warnock beat Jeff Holloway, 6. Jimmy Anest knocked out Jerry Zullo, 2.

Johnny Cesario whipped Milton Bell, 6, knocked out Curley St. Angelo, 2. Jerry Coursol knocked out Charlie Jeffries, 1, whipped Fred Picone, 4, and Sammy Stigliano, 6. Jeffries lost to Tony Janiro, 6. Doug Carter whipped Erwin Soloway, 6, knocked out Steve Bilko, 2. Sammy Mammone beat Soloway, 6. Butch Charles stopped Bilko, 1. Billy Miller outpointed Angelo Callura, 10.

Lew Hanbury defeated Fred Addeo, 6. Al Gomez defeated Mike Delia, 6. Delia beat Bobby Gunter, 10. Gunter drew with Leo Francis, 6. Melvin Johnson knocked out Neva Esparza, 8. Frankie Gromada outpointed Eddie Cummings, 6.

Johnny Cesario beat Georgie Salamone, 8, as did Al Gauthier, 8. Vic Creelman flattened Eddie Davis, 2, decisioned Billy Banks, 8. Ellis Phillips upset Cleo Shans, 8. Jimmy Collins beat Al Guido, 10. Pat Foley stopped Marcel Fournier, 7. Eddie Giosa beat Frankie Donato, 8.

Dorsey Lay outscored Vince Dell 'Orto, 8, as did Santa Bucca, 8. Bucca won over Jimmy Phillips, 8. Dell 'Orto beat Gene Spencer, 8. Joe Celletti decisioned Johnny Coe, 6. Coe lost to Fern Pelletier, 8.

Harry Teaney knocked out Doll Rafferty, 2. Lester Young outpointed Pedro Firpo, 8. Hubert Samuels beat Joe Amico, 8.

Frankie Rubino stopped Joe Rivera, 5. Rivera stopped Joe Gatto, 4. Joey Wasnick drew with Sal Maggio, 4. Charlie Smith decisioned Sammy Rivers, 6. Jimmy Hursey beat Don Benzor, 8.

Guy Serean beat Herbie Lockwood, 8. Carlos Malacara and Jerry Moore drew, 10. Al Sanchez drew with Torpedo Reed, 4. Jackie Leamus won over Billy Cabey, 6, lost to Doug Carter, 6. Gene Johnson knocked out Jorge Morelia, 8. Jimmy McAllister knocked out Eddie Hudson, 6.

The leading featherweight contests were:

Tony Costa was awarded the decision over Jackie Wilson, 6. Wilson was disqualified. Bobby Henry decisioned Tony Barcelona, 6, drew with Danny Russell, 6.

Johnny Gebert won from Tommy Warnock, 6, Eddie Cummings, 6, decisioned Charley Noel, 6. Larry Bolvin beat Aaron Seltzer, 10. Allan Earl knocked out Lee Ross, 1. Francis Leonard knocked out Benny Iannotti, 2, stopped Pat Doyle, 8. Iannotti decisioned Al Rodriquez, 6.

Joey Reyes drew with Rusty Lares, 4. Carmine Castore knocked out Abe Goldberg, 1. Cliff Edward stopped Pedro Garcia, 2. Tony Oshiro knocked out Eddie Reardon, 4.

Ham Wiloby defeated Davey Crawford, 4. Jock Leslie beat Bobby Henry, 4, lost to Rocco Progano, 6, beat Ike Roland, 4.

Chalky Wright stopped Al Reasoner, 2. Harry Jeffra trounced Paulie Jackson, 8.

Jose Torres won from Earl Mintz, 8. Frankie Bove beat George Cooper, 8. Donnie Maes knocked out Tommy Murray, 6. Willie Smith knocked out Bob Jennings, 3.

Archie Wilmer tried an iron man stunt. After flattening Sal Clemente in one, he climbed right back into the ring to be belted out in one himself by Frankie Grosso. Freddie Russo whipped Rocco Progano, 6. Charley Noel, 6. Frankie Leta knocked out Bill Cummings, 3, also belted out Charley Dayron, 6, defeated Progano, 8.

Walter "Cabey" Lewis defeated Clyde English, 6, drew with Larry Torpey, 6. English trounced Mike Crouchelli, 8. Lewis knocked out Bill Commodore, 2. Snooks Lacey decisioned Tony Barcelona, 6. Tommy Murray and Sammy Garcia drew, 8. Corky Davis knocked out Buck Boring, 1. Eloy Renteria stopped Kent Martinez, 5.

The bantamweights fared as follows:

Champion Manuel Ortiz easily defeated Benny Goldberg to retain his title, 15. Earl Roys knocked out Joey Puig, 5.

Tony Olivera knocked out Juan Renedo, 4. Clint Miller flattened Lindy Miller, 3. Eddie Reardon beat Al Rivera, 6.

Joey Dolan trounced Pee Wee Lewis, 10. Babe Kelly gained a decision over Reds Ball, 4.

The flyweights were mostly inactive. Dado Marino beat Al Chavez, 8, and Chavez stopped Al Rufino, 1.

Here are the last minute results as THE RING went to press:

Heavyweights—Sgt. Ernie Rios and Watson Jones drew, 10. Dan Merritt knocked out Jimmy Reeves, 2. Charley Eagle defeated Billy Grant, 8.

Light-heavyweight—Johnny Colan again defeated Billy Grant, 8. Charley Eagle also beat Grant, 8. Big Tiger Wade stopped Pat Kelly, 4. Bill Kendrick defeated Teddy Reynolds, 6. Louis Jones outpointed Pvt. Gib Jones, 8. Tommy Campanella defeated Henry Cooper, 8. Bob Harris kayoed Mack Harvey, 1.

Middleweights—Jack Chase outpointed Lloyd Marshall, 15. Bradley Lewis whipped Charlie McPherson, 6. Art Sheppard defeated Willie Downey, 4. Frank C. Terry defeated Tony Reno, 8. George Sapolich kayoed Ernie Foster, 3.

Welterweights—Leroy Saunders turned back Benny Jeffries, 8. Joey Varoff licked Gene Ward, 6. Billy Furrone outpointed Solomon Stewart, 8. Maxie Berger outscored Ernie "Cat" Robinson, 10. Al Jolson gained the duke over Billy Adams, 8. Johnny Green stopped Don Eddy, 2. Scotland's Jack Kennedy stopped Chang in 3. Jimmy Collins decisioned Gene Thomas, 4. Alexander Smith kayoed Henry Maloenk, 4. Joe Gambaro upset Tony Riccio, 8. Joe Curcio knocked out Georgie Brown, 3.

Lightweights—Doug Carter beat Freddy Addeo, 8. Lulu Costantino pounded out a decision over Al Guido, 10. Ike Williams easily won from Mayon Padlo, 10. Jackie Leamus knocked out Sammy Rivers, 5. Billy Banks defeated Billy Speary, 10. Eddie Giosa trounced Frankie Carto, 8. Sailor Born knocked out Al Douglas, 1. Jimmy Hatcher whipped Jimmy Collins, 10.

Flyweights—Jackie Paterson kayoed George Peck, 10.

IN ENGLAND

By PVT. MARK FANNON

THE finals in the three-day Eighth Air Force Service Command boxing tournament found three boxers winning the crown by default owing to the illness of the winners of the semi-finals. The champions follow:

Featherweight—Pfc. Raymond Wyzykilwicz of Buffalo, N. Y.

Lightweight—Pfc. Herbert Williams of New Orleans, La.

Junior welterweight—Pfc. Felix Reyes of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Senior welterweight—Pvt. William Wright of Youngstown, O.

Middleweight—Pvt. Billie Allen of Philadelphia, Pa.

Light-heavyweight—Cpl. Homer McGrew of Los Angeles, Calif.

Heavyweight—Pvt. William Mason of Bessemer, Ala.

The winners were presented with tournament medals by Brig. Gen. M. R. Wood, Service Command administrative chief.

Three of the titlists won their crowns without putting on a glove in the finals, as their opponents fell sick the day before the bouts and were not allowed to fight. Williams copped the lightweight crown via the default route, as did Wright in the senior welter class and McGrew in the light-heavy bracket.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By JIM ECHOLS

GOLDIE AHEARN and the Liberty Athletic Club staged a well-rounded card presenting Ernie "Cat" Robinson against Frankie Wills in the top slot. It was over the ten-round distance and was full of action all the way. Robinson took the lead in the early rounds and scored two knockdowns of no counts, but Wills came on to win the bout from the fifth heat on. The District lad finished fast and strong, having the "Cat" on the verge of a K.O.

Frankie continues to improve and this was one of his better nights. He proved to his many friends his right to the rating of No. 7 welterweight in the United States. Robinson came in at 147 to Wills' 150.

The semi-windup saw the up-and-coming New Yorker, Vic Creelman, continue his string of victories by a win over Washington's Billy Banks in an eight. This was a real scrap, with the fans divided on the result, and a rematch is sure to be carded.

Creelman, the Navy youngster, was working under a handicap due to slight injuries suffered in an auto smashup en route to Washington. However, commission and navy medicos gave the "go" sign to Vic and he did the rest. Banks has challenged him to a return go over a longer distance. Creelman weighed 135, and Banks, 137.

Eddie White, 197, of New York City, won a decision over "Lil" Abner Powell, 192, of Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., in an eight, and White had the fans on their feet when he almost kayoed Powell in the eighth round.

The opener saw B. B. Washington, 160, of Washington, win over George Williams, 156, of Baltimore, in a four. A good show, with a fair house.

After an absence of five weeks, Joe Turner presented Georgie Parks of Washington against Lee Oma of Detroit in a ten-round main go at Turner's Arena. A capacity crowd saw the good-looking Detroiter give Parks a boxing lesson. This was their third meeting and Oma proves he has the Indian sign on George. In previous meetings, Lee had decisioned Georgie and won via the T.K.O. route. Although your reporter is an admirer of Parks, we must truthfully say that this youngster Lee Oma has lots on the ball. Parks was tense and intent on delivering his well-known K.O. punch, while Oma was relaxed, carrying his right cocked with his left in front of him, down.

Lee continually kept that left in Parks' face and danced out of harm's way, playing the ropes beautifully. Parks' power punches as a result went whistling through the air. In the ninth, George lost some of his tenseness and looked better winning that round, but Lee had the other nine under lock and key and as a result he copped the duke.

The semi-final saw Eddie Kane, 146, of Washington, D. C., suffer his second pro loss at the hands of Charlie Bennett, 144, also of Washington. Kane was trying to erase a previous defeat he had suffered in the late summer, but Bennett had much too much experience for Kane. Eddie, despite his loss, looks real good and as he gains experience and ring lore he should improve. This was a six.

In the other sixes, Walter Hafer, the Marine ace, won over Jimmy Bell of Washington. Hafer, 200; Bell, 184. Young Sloan, 141, of Washington, won via T.K.O. over Charlie Matthews, 140, of Washington. Referee Eddie LaFond stopped it in 1:48 of the fifth to save Matthews from further punishment. Gene Brown, 152, of Washington, and B. B. Washington, 154, of Washington, drew. An excellent show.

Gabe Menendez, after an eighteen-month hitch in the Army, has returned to Washington, D. C., as matchmaker for Joe Turner. Gabe has promised the fistic populace of the District the best in ring attractions. Fans will remember his Phil Furr-Henry Armstrong go at the ball park, and with his first show Lee Oma and Georgie Parks he received lots of comment. Good luck and best wishes, Gabe!

Kid Alexander, popular young 126-pounder, is now in the service.

Billy Edwards, veteran trainer, was accepted for limited service. Billy has been itching to get in, but would have been rejected as he has lost the sight out of his right eye. However, he had foresight enough to list himself as a trainer of boxers and he was chosen for limited service as a physical instructor.

Lt. Comdr. Jack Dempsey refereed the amateur bouts sponsored by the Coast Guard Recreation Association and promoted by Billy Blake. An excellent show, but attendance way off.

The eleventh annual Golden Gloves tournament is under way. Entries are over the top and the opening night exceeded expectations. Lots of action by the simon-pures at the opening gong, and more assured in the ensuing weeks. It looks like a banner year for Dick O'Brien and his eleven-year-old son, as the tournament here in the District is the brain child of Dick.

BEAT OUR ENEMIES—BUY BONDS

Fine Talent at Sibert

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Pvt. Joe Britt, Providence, R. I., middleweight; Pvt. Roy Chapman, Akron, O., light-heavy and Cpl. Dick Clayton, Philadelphia, Pa., heavyweight.

Another championship series is to be run off soon and some challenging fighters who have appeared on the scene since the last title meet are due to make some ring kings fall.

Among the outstanding boxers at this camp are the peppery Puerto Rican, Pvt. Rene Berlingeri, a featherweight; Pvt. Maurice Shelton, lightning-fast colored fighter; baby-faced, vicious-punching T/5 Robert Hutchins who has lost only one match in over half a dozen, though he started his ring career just last summer; Pvt. Alcides Velez, whose professional fighting name was Al Soto; Pvt. Joe Ruiz, another solid Puerto Rican puncher; Pvt. Willie Drayton, skillful colored leather-pusher; Pfc. Hilton Smith, another colored boy featuring a deceiving change of pace sparring approach; Pvt. John A. Lewis and Pvt. Emmett Dunnigan, also colored fighters, who battled to a draw in a bout which shook the ring here recently; Pvt. Jack Anderson, white middleweight from Salt Lake City, Utah, who kayoed his last opponent at Sibert in 23 seconds of the third round and two other Negro fighters, Pvt. Kermit Booker, hard smashing middleweight, and Pvt. John Turner, 200 pounds of greased thunderbolt.

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RECENTLY the soldiers and civilian fight fans yelled themselves hoarse as two Sibert glove champions were beaten in an 11 bout, slam-bang post boxing show. In the climax, Sgt. Angelo Gileno, camp welterweight champion, was halted when he received a cut eye in his fight with Pvt. Theodore "Ted" DeMarco, 124th Processing Co. Though Gileno was far from being beaten, and wanted to continue, Referee Lt. Alfred W. Bagot, of the Officers' Training Battalion, stopped the fight to prevent possible serious injury in the last five seconds of the fight.

Pvt. Boyd Musser, 195-pounder from Co. F, 1st Regt., downed T/5 Nathan Anderson, 94th Comp. Co., the camp's heavy and light-heavy champ, in a battle made one-sided by Musser's great height and reach.

Leading off the show, which, in spite of last minute changes of place and time and bad weather, was well-attended, was a lightweight bout of very rapid punching in which Pvt. Rene Berlingeri, peppery Puerto Rican of the 27th Decon. Co. kayoed Pfc. Benoit Landry of the 111th Proc. Co. in 1:15 of the first round.

The closest decision was that in the bout between Pfc. Hilton Smith who beat Sgt. Edward Gorman only after both boxers were so worn out they could hardly finish the last round.

Pvt. Algernon Jackson, Chicago slugger, decisioned Pvt. Leroy Norfleet in the middleweight class, but hit the canvas once himself. Norfleet was hanging on to the ropes in the first round but came back strong in the second, and in the third, the rugged scrapper slugged it toe-to-toe.

Pvt. Necota Smith decisioned Pvt. Gregory Morieno. Cpl. Waldo Hudson, lightweight, won from Pvt. Weldon Duncan, Louisville, Ky. Pvt. Jack Anderson, light-heavy, scored over Pvt. Roy Brown. Pvt. Maurice Shelton, lightweight, decisioned Pvt. Ben Peckum. Pvt. Howard Bell, big light-heavyweight, beat Pvt. L. C. Johnson. T/5 Robert Hutchins, lightweight, defeated Pfc. Russell Wood.

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IN the post's 12 bouts show that followed, there was action aplenty. The best performers were:

Pvt. Rene Berlingeri, Puerto Rican whirlwind; Pvt. Hilton Smith, T/5 Robert Hutchins, Pvt. Jack Anderson, Pvt. Alcides Velez and Cpl. Roy Chapman, among the veterans and Pvt. Maurice Shelton, Pvt. Boyd L. Boren, Pvt. Bromfield Johnson, Pvt. Charles Dolan and Pvt. Emmett Dunnigan of the newcomers.

Putting on his best fight so far in camp ring mêlées was Pvt. Alcides Velez, lightweight of Co. C, 2nd Regt. He slugged toe-to-toe with Pvt. Russell Wood of the 128th Proc. Co. in the final and fastest bout of the evening. Wood pressed the Puerto Rican to the limit.

Cpl. Roy Chapman, 144th Decon. Co., middleweight camp champion, scored another victory as he registered a technical knockout over the big, fast Cpl. Jack Hands of Co. K, 2nd Rgt., in 1:08 of the third round.

Two new boxers here, Pvt. John A. Lewis, 101st Proc. Co. of Birmingham, and Pvt. Emmett Dunnigan, Co. I, 2nd Regt., of Sandusky, O., wore themselves out in a rough middleweight battle that ended in a draw.

In 1:50 of the second round, Pfc. Hilton Smith, Station Complement slugger, landed terrific rights on the body of Sgt. Ed Gorman, 87th SG Co., and knocked him out.

The other straight K.O. of the evening saw Pvt. Jack Anderson, Co. I, 1st Regt., put away Pvt. Max Aldridge, Co. B, 2nd Regt., in 33 seconds of the third round after putting him on the canvas for the nine count in the second.

Beau Jack Thrills in Year's Big Upset

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the Beau was not to be denied, particularly in the five rounds, from the eighth to the thirteenth, when he piled up the points. He won on his aggressiveness, though Montgomery's punches were the harder.

The fifteenth round found Montgomery wading in as he had in the fourteenth, in an effort to win by a kayo. His opponent was so fired he could scarcely move, and when Monty drove him to the ropes, he sought protection there by holding on.

At one point it seemed he would lose the big advantage he had rolled up by dropping the bout via the knockout route, but he managed to stick it out until the gong sounded.

Although Monty, as in their previous bout, packed the heavier artillery and often landed in vital spots, Jack took the Philadelphian's best blows without going down even once. He was a perpetual motion fighter, whose blows came from all sides and at all angles.

In one round he tossed more than ninety punches, so hot was his pace. True Jack missed a lot, but plenty landed and those that did were effective, Montgomery tried desperately to avoid the many looping hooks and right uppercuts, but only now and then did he succeed. It was a tantalizing evening for Monty and he welcomed the bell as much as did Jack, to whom the sound of the final gong brought sweet music to his ears.

The Ring's Honor Roll

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such a slam-bang battle that Marty immediately rematched them and since then he has been coming along in leaps and bounds. His record to date shows only two defeats in 13 fights as a professional.

He comes from Saddle River, N. J., and was born on October 31, 1921. He is a middleweight.

He has lost only to Jimmy Scott and Oscar Hadget in 4 rounds each. His hard wallop and tireless speed has made him a favorite wherever he performs and he hopes to see plenty of action in New York clubs this winter season.

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Paul Hubbard, star Washington, D. C., amateur, who prior to joining the Marines rated high in the Capitol City, is doing his training and fighting now at Camp Pendleton. Paul, whose brother Jimmy is in the Naval V-12 training station, in his last bout at Camp La Jeune, was nosed out by the camp's 147-pound title holder.

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BOB CUMMINGS, as he is known among his Marine comrades, is an Easthampton, Mass., amateur who is making good with his outfit. Cummings had been appearing at the Marine weekly smokers to entertain the boys in camp prior to being shipped overseas where he has been for the last half-year.

He started boxing under the supervision of Nick Zullo in a CCC camp, where both were members of the boxing team. Zullo is on combat duty across the Big Pond. Cummings is 20 years old.

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JOE BAKER, a member of the Coast Guard, engaged in 84 amateur bouts and four professional contests before quitting the ring in 1935 to enter professional baseball. He refereed many boxing and baseball contests in and around Chicago. His army listing is Joe Bajka. Among the fighters he managed were the Baker twins of Chicago, Frank Bodnar of Terre Haute, Kenny Cannon, Frank Scibori, Mickey O'Shea, Mickey Rebey, now in Australia, and Irish Eddie Pierce. He refereed the Golden Gloves fights in Springfield, Ill., for two years before joining the Guard.

Joe is now in a Maine hospital with a heart ailment, but is coming along nicely. He was the Polish welter and middleweight champion and went into the Chicago Golden Gloves 160-pound final several years ago.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES
By NAT FRANK

MEET up with the Laurel and Hardy combination in the fistic business. Properly recognized are Pete "Laurel" Martin and Fats "Hardy" Gary, as fine a managerial fistic firm as ever entered the profession as mentors. Martin, the lean member of the duo, weighs 140 pounds, while Gary finds it tough to hit below the 300-pound pointer. Yet through thin and thick, this pair has progressed as managers to such a degree that today they are looked upon as men who know their business. Like their movie counterparts, it is Martin who is the silent member of the firm, while Beefy Gary does all of the chores that a manager should attend to.

Right now the managerial duo is interested in the pugilistic welfare of a trio of fistmen. They are Tony Gangemi, a classy heavyweight; Eddie Giosa and Joe Amica, lightweights. Giosa has won 18 bouts in a row. At the pace he has been traveling within the hempen ropes, it looks as though he will be right up on top next year.

Gangemi, who had blossomed out as a heavyweight menace, somehow lost a little of his prominence when he took a few of his rivals cheaply. As a result, Tony found himself on the wrong end of the awards in his most recent bouts.

Amica is properly rated as a trial horse. A club fighter and a willing mixer, a fearless gladiator, who is ever ready to hook up with the best in the business.

A real sportsman is Bobcat Bob Montgomery, who rushed over to congratulate Beau Jack when the Georgian regained the 135-pound title from Bob—the New York version. Bob knew that his crown was slipping away from him, but he never let up in his efforts to keep the title.

We saw the battle, and we figured Beau Jack, as did everyone else, but there is no telling what would have happened had Monty started his rally at least two rounds earlier. Even a rugged individual like Jack, who seems immune to punishment, would have succumbed to the relentless attack of the chap from the City of Brotherly Love.

Keep your eyes peeled on the Jack Puggy-Herman Diamond larruping lightweight, Ellis Phillips, a fighting piece of machinery. Ellis is not a stranger to the fight fans. He has fought in all of the leading clubs and he has always demonstrated his willingness to trade haymakers with the best of them. By far his best performance in recent months was his victory over Cleo Shans, who has tasted the wallops of the hardest-hitting lightweights in the game. No one seemed to put a dent into his hide until this punching Phillips stacked up against him. What Ellis did to Shans was a pity! He not only gave him a thorough hiding, but he had the clouting Californian on the deck on several occasions.

Eddie Phillips is up there with the foremost lightweights of the hit-and-get-hit profession.

Sgt. Tommy Loughran of the U. S. Marines, and undefeated light-heavyweight champion of the world, is now stationed in Philadelphia. Loughran is still popular with the fans, as attested by the fact that every time he is seen, he is halted for stories of his battles with the greatest of them.

Nat Frank's annual rating of fighters in this section follows:

Heavyweights—Gus Dorazio, Willie Reddish, Jimmy Gardner, Willie Thomas, Tony Gangemi.

Light-heavyweights—Dusty Wilkerson, Parson Bob Jacobs, Burley Lanier, Eddie Wilson, Billy Fox.

Middleweights—Johnny Walker, Al Tribuani, Jackie Goodman, Newt Smith, Ellis Stewart.

Welterweights—Mayon Padlo, Mike Evans, Harold Smith, Wickey Harkins, Billy Furrone.

Lightweights—Bob Montgomery, Ellis Phillips, Eddie Giosa, Santa Bucca, George Larover.

Featherweights—Frankie Carto, Jackie Floyd, Frankie Donato, Bob Smith, Archie Wilmer.

Bantamweights—Tommy Forte, Babe Kelly, Reds Hill.

Flyweight—Larry Torpey.

V.B.A. DOINGS—Joe Wright retired as vice-president to devote all his time to his North Philadelphia upholstering business during the coming year. Either Billy Richards or Harry Williams is slated to succeed him. Chick Carsey returns for another term as president; Young Lew Tendler as secretary, and Joe McMullin as financial secretary. Sammy Novia replaces Jim Slimmer as sergeant-at-arms with Pat Bradley.

Nominees for the board of executives include Sgt. Ray Smith, Jimmy Crawford, Jimmy Potts, Johnny Downey, Benny Kauffman, Jackie Haley, Young Billy Maxwell, Kid Stein, Joe Wright, Lou Ryall, Johnny Clark, Willie Patterson, Joe Sweeney, Harry Lewis, Joe Segaritis, Dave Ferris, Johnny Costella, Tom Humphrey, Patsy Bradley, Young Sharkey, Danny McCabe, Johnny O'Keefe and Tim Reagan . . . . A recent fire of unknown origin damaged the premises considerably and contractors are presently busy restoring the hall.

Willie Ferguson is training a flock of mittmen to oppose Marty Servo's fistic prodigies in service bouts at Elizabeth City, N. C. . . . . Both Fergie and Servo are in the Navy . . . . Willie's best bet is Tom Sharkey, former St. Ann's amateur lightweight, who is now a full-fledged middleweight . . . . John Tinney, who operates Tinney's Delivery Service in town, is grooming a promising 147-pounder named Harry Schultz for the coming *Inquirer* tournament . . . . Kid Locke's 21st annual Christmas kiddies' party at the historic East Clementon fire house was the biggest and best affair of its kind ever staged. Over 300 joyful youngsters attended the 1943 festivities . . . . Jimmy McDonough is down with a severe cold.

At Joe Wenke's Cambria A. C., November 19—Jimmy Gardner, Camden heavyweight, knocked out Joe Sofia of this city in one round; Reds Hull and Willie Weasley, bantamweights, drew in six rounds; Howard Berger, 173, knocked out Reds Kims in one round; Lew Ferris, lightweight, knocked out Mickey Evans in one round; Artie Huff, 127, knocked out Billy Smith, 132, in one round.

At Joe Wenke's Cambria A. C., November 26—Sandy Mack, 150, defeated Norman "Reds" Rahn, 143, in eight rounds; Frankie Gross, 133, knocked out Archie Wilmer, 127, in one round; Jiggs Donohue, 157, knocked out Ike Powers, 152, in two rounds; Willie Smith, 130, knocked out Bob Jennings, 130, in three rounds; Archie Wilmer, 127, knocked out Sal Clemte, 130, in one round.

Editor's Note: Archie Wilmer fought twice on this card and won and lost by a one-round knockout. Wilmer subbed against Frankie Gross in the semi-final, when Gross' scheduled foe reported ill and another sub was called by his draft board and sent away the very same day.

At Joe Wenke's Cambria A. C., December 3—Wild Bill McDowell of Plainfield, 162¼, defeated Jackie Goodman, 160¼, in eight rounds; Willie Wiesel, 116½, scored a T.K.O. over Midget Mayo, 119, in three rounds; Eddie Petrone, 136, and Willie Smith, 131, fought a six-round draw; Frankie Grosso, 144½, won on a five-round T.K.O. over Billy Wigfer, 152; Billy Fox, 162½, scored a one-round T.K.O. over Tommy Ferraro, 158.

At Herman Taylor's Arena, November 22—Ellis Phillips, 130½, easily defeated Cleo Shans, 134½, of New York, in ten rounds; Eddie Giosa, 131, decisioned Frankie Donato, 121½, in eight rounds; Harry Jeffra, 128, Baltimore, defeated Paulie Jackson, 132½, of Reading, in eight rounds; Dorsay Lay, 136½, defeated Vince Dell 'Orto of New York, 134½, in eight rounds; Frankie Allen, 141, defeated Eddie Petrone, 139½, in six rounds.

At Herman Taylor's Arena, December 6—Holman Williams, 157¼, of Detroit, defeated Steve Belloise, 156½, U. S. Navy, in ten rounds; Julie Kogon, 130¾, of New Haven, decisioned George "Dusty" Brown, 136, of York, in ten rounds; Santa Bucca, 134¾, conquered Jimmy Phillips of Baltimore, 135½, in eight rounds; Maxie Starr, 145, of Washington, won over Charley Davis, 141, in six rounds; Reds Hull, 118, lost to Babe Kelly, 116, in four rounds.

At Jimmy Toppi's Olympia, November 25—Santa Bucca, 134¾, won over Vince Dell 'Orto of New York, 132, in eight rounds; Joe Brickle, 220, knocked out Tommy Clark, 184, in five rounds; Billy Fox, 162, knocked out Billy Williams, 167, in two rounds; Archie Wilmer, 126½, decisioned Babe Kelly, 117½, in six rounds; Joe Murphy, 142, knocked out Jackie Fields, 146, in three rounds.

At Jimmy Toppi's Olympia, December 2—Nick Fiorentino, 205, won over Joe Stewart, 202½, in eight rounds; Ellis Stewart, 163, knocked out Young Kid Robinson, 158, in five rounds; Buck Streator, 141½, won on a T.K.O. over Frank Davis, 143, in three rounds; Tony Perroni, 138, scored a four-round T.K.O. over Billy Mason, 140½; Joe Murphy, 140, knocked out Billy Barnes, 134, in one round.

At Jimmy Toppi's Olympia, December 9—Wallace Cross of Newark, 224 pounds, and Willie Thomas, 217 pounds, drew in eight rounds; Joe Brickle, 220 pounds, knocked out Dan Biggers, 192, in one round; Billy Smith, 137, scored a one-round T.K.O. over Tony Pirrone, 137; Red Shull, 149, stopped Henry Blackwell, 143, in three rounds; Bob Jennings, 134, knocked out Joe Vallo, 137, in the first round.

It is certainly gratifying to know that there are so many readers of THE RING Magazine in all parts of the universe. Not a day passes by that your correspondent doesn't receive mail from various sections of the globe. Every letter, from near and far, lauds the Boxing Bible and the grandest fellow who ever drew a breath, the incomparable Nat Fleischer, editor of THE RING.

We are especially pleased to receive cards from such former ring stalwarts as Frankie Hayes, now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.; Mickey Blair, one-time middleweight contender from Camden; Frankie Rapp, Camden southpaw of more than a decade ago, both of whom are in the Navy; George Larover, Philadelphia's belting lightweight, who is a member of the Marines; and Frankie Carto, this city's classy featherweight, who is also a Devil Dog.

Keep up the good work. Let's hear from you boys in the service from near and far and we will make every effort to keep you further informed on the ring doings around these parts.

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CLEVELAND CHATTER
By SPARKY RUDOLPH

ED BANG, Sports Editor of the Cleveland *News*, put on his 18th annual Christmas Fund boxing show. The show broke all indoor records for Cleveland, packing the Arena with 14,500 fans and over $55,000.00 in receipts.

The show was a real thriller from opening to closing, with Jimmy Bivins and Lee Q. Murray in the main thriller, but not until somewhere in the sixth round was it any thrill. The reason—Mr. Lee Q. took no chances and stayed on his bike while Jimmy did all the chasing. Murray elected to fight a bit in the fourth round, after Referee Jackie Davis suggested that he shake it up a bit.

Murray let go with a right cross that cut a deep, long gash in Jimmy's eye. The cut was so bad that Bivins fought blindly for two and a half rounds, groping and feeling for his opponent, and when he would feel him, he would start banging away to the body. In fact, Bivins, losing the sixth and seventh, won the eighth while he could not see.

The eye was cleared and the ninth round was even, with the tenth going to Bivins. Some of the fans thought Lee Q. should have won the fight, but you cannot give the fight to a man who won't fight for over half of the way, and then after he has the other fellow cut that he is blind for over two rounds.

The decision was unanimous by Referee Jackie Davis, and Judges Herb Williams and Jim Parker, all of whom are honest, reliable officials.

Lulu Costantino looked great in knocking out Freddie Pope in the fourth round of their scheduled ten-rounder to wind up the evening of Ed Bang's great show. Lulu blasted Freddie to the canvas a number of times before they called the whole thing off. Lulu the Killer is what they are calling him around here.

Pfc. Joey Maxim boxed and punched like a champion when he put the snore on Spanish Claudio Villar in six rounds. The Army seems to have helped Maxim a great deal. In some cases it works the other way, but Joe sure has picked up something. His tactics have changed in more ways than one. He is not one of those safety-first boxers like he was at one time. He seems to carry more confidence, not in a boastful way as he did before, and he is really punching with something on those punches. Keep up the good work, Joey.

Chuck Hunter lost an eight-round duke to veteran Maxie Berger. Hunter started off in great shape but tired in the late rounds. Berger had just a little bit too much of that old man Experience in him for young Hunter. The fight was good to watch, with no one getting hurt.

Fitzie Fitzpatrick won his 15th straight bout in punching out an eight-round decision over Sammy Kirsch of Baltimore. Fitzie carried too many guns for the tall, rangy lad from Baltimore. Fitzie was the boss throughout, although he had a little trouble nailing this big fellow. The fighting Irishman caught up with Sammy midway in the bout and from there on it was all Fitzie. In the last round Fitzpatrick let go with about twenty consecutive left hands to the chin that had the crowd on their seats, screaming for a knockout, but Sammy was smart enough to evade being kayoed.

Berry Wright, classy welter, who is coming up the ladder in fine shape, won every round from Lee Hogan of Buffalo in the opening bout. Berry jabbed and crossed sharply to give Mr. Hogan the beating of his career. This was Berry's second win in seven days, as he stopped a lad at Milwaukee in two rounds.

Harry Teaney knocked out Doll Rafferty in two rounds at Milwaukee, where they want him back for their famous New Year's Day show. Samson Powell of Cleveland continued his winning streak by pounding out a five-round decision over Tiger Jackson, while Berry Wright easily defeated Johnny Monroe from New Orleans in five.

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Barbour Impressed

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of course, no decision given, as previously agreed upon. But if a verdict had been rendered it must, in all justice have gone to the clever amateur.

However, Tom O'Rourke's hope of emulating the example set by the Steers-Craig affair was doomed to disappointment. It is quite probable he could have secured Johnson's services, and there is no doubt that such a match would have drawn a lucrative gate, with the extensive publicity sure to be given it, not only on the sports pages but in the society columns of the newspapers.

"A Barbour-Johnson bout along those lines would have created a peach of a sensation," said O'Rourke to the writer years later, when the veteran was in a reminiscent mood. "It was a swell idea, but it just didn't work. Young Barbour was willing enough, he had the courage of a lion, but he was also a dutiful son, and when his dad objected, that settled the matter. Do I think Barbour would have had a chance against Johnson?

"Well he had the punch, he was dead game and a clever boxer, and anything can happen in a ring. I never thought Joe Steers would have outpointed Craig. Still, you can't put the Harlem Cooler on a level with Johnson, who was in a class by himself. Maybe it was just as well for the amateur champ that I had to chuck one of the finest promoter schemes that ever occurred to me into the ash can!"

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WHEN Rickard selected Barbour as official timekeeper for the Dempsey-Willard battle at Toledo in 1919, the latter was a member of the Army, Navy and Civilian Boxing Board which Tex helped to organize in conjunction with the International Sporting Club. Choosing Barbour was an astute move on Rickard's part in his campaign to build up professional boxing to topnotch entertainment level, with the aid of influential sportsmen.

As it turned out, taking on the job of timekeeper put Barbour very much under the press spotlight after the battle. Something went wrong with the bell mechanism when he tried to ring it at the close of the first round. It will be remembered by all who witnessed the fray that Dempsey floored big Jess seven times in that initial session. The last knockdown in that thrill-period seemed to indicate that the fight was over. Referee Pecord, with his back to the timekeeper, began his count over the fallen champion amid intense excitement.

The crowd raised such a frantic uproar that when Barbour rang the bell, at seven, there was only a faint tinkle which nobody heard through the storm of yells. Pecord had tolled off ten seconds and was in the act of declaring Dempsey winner, when Barbour made known the fact that the round had ended before Willard was counted out.

Meanwhile, Dempsey, supposing he had won on a kayo, jumped out of the ring and started for his dressing-room. His manager, Jack Kearns, learning what had happened, yelled to Jack to return to the ring. He got back on time, but it was a ticklish situation, for if the rules had been strictly enforced, Dempsey might have lost the battle on a disqualification. But no claim to that effect was made by Willard or his seconds, and the combat was resumed after the usual one minute rest, with Jess quitting during the intermission between the third and fourth rounds.

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BARBOUR, always cool-headed, had no trouble in convincing the referee that he had timed the round correctly, but many of the spectators who thought they had seen Jess counted out in the opening frame, protested loudly against a continuation of the contest. Also hundreds of fans had already left the arena, eager to cash their bets on a one-round kayo in a neighborhood poolroom.

After the championship had changed hands, because of Willard's failure to come up for the fourth round, Rickard okayed Barbour's work as timekeeper and blamed himself for not having exercised proper vigilance in seeing that the erring bell was in perfect order. As might have been expected, a hot argument wherever the fight fans congregated was the result of that timing mixup. But several days after the battle Barbour settled the bitter controversy as to whether Willard had been stopped in the third or fourth round.

In a signed statement to the newspapers, he declared that he had not blown the whistle for the fourth round and had not rung the bell before Willard signalled his desire to quit. He said that, according to his watch, thirteen seconds of the rest of one minute after the third round, had not elapsed.

On the strength of that official statement the fight was listed as having ended on a knockout in the third round, and that's the way you will find it scored in NAT FLEISCHER'S ALL TIME RING RECORD BOOK. But until Barbour came through with the facts over his signature, many people supposed that Willard's chief second, Walter Monahan, had acknowledged defeat for Jess after the bell for the fourth round had sounded. There was such wild confusion in the arena when Dempsey was pronounced world's champion, that numerous spectators believed he won in the fourth frame.

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THE Toledo incident demonstrated that W. Warren Barbour possessed one important requisite for a champion boxer—the ability to keep his head, and not get rattled in an emergency. He was as cool as the proverbial cake of ice when the ringside tumult was at its wildest, and even the case-hardened occupants of the press stand were literally throwing fits and wrangling as to what had exactly happened. That was characteristic of him in and out of the ring, and a quality which stood him in good stead during his later career both as a business executive and statesman.

His first political experience was gained as a member of the town council of Rumson, N. J., where he also served three terms as mayor; a burg which also produced a double-champion in the person of Mickey Walker, who held the world's welter- and middleweight title. When he turned aside from the lure of the professional ring, Barbour went to work for his father in the Linen Thread Company, and showed such an aptitude for the business that, upon the death of Barbour senior, he took it over and became president, a position he maintained until his appointment in 1931 to the United States Senate by Governor Morgan F. Larson to fill the vacancy left by the demise of Dwight W. Morrow, who had served but a few months of his term.

In 1932 he was elected to fill Morrow's unexpired term. Unopposed in the May, 1936, primaries, he was defeated for re-election in the Fall, when the Franklin D. Roosevelt landslide swept all before it. Yet Barbour's popularity was such that he ran 185,000 ahead of his ticket. In January, 1937, he was the only Republican elected to the Senate that year, winning over Democrat William H. J. Ely by 112,508 votes in the contest to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. Harry Moore to run for governor of New Jersey in 1938. He was re-elected to the Senate in November, 1940, for the term expiring January 1, 1948.

The all-too-short life of W. Warren Barbour was full and active. In the sporting world, as well as the realm of National politics, his friends were legion and his unexpected death came as a tragic shock to thousands of loyal admirers who regarded him with steadfast affection and respect.

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With the Fighting Marines

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The decision went to Vero.

Artie Levine, Marine, and from Brooklyn, N. Y., took the nod over Dan Hickey of the Guards. Both men weighed in at 157.

Al Thornton, 160, Marine, punched his way to an easy victory over his opponent, D. Rogers, 158-pound Charleston Coast Guarder.

The fifth bout of the card went to the Coast Guard when Jackie Cranford, 173, took the measure of Eddie Seymour, 160. Cranford dropped Seymour in the second round for the count of four and it was evident that Seymour was hurt. Cranford failed to follow up his advantage and the Marine went on to stay the limit.

In the final bout of the evening, Jimmy Carollo, 195-pound Marine, decisioned Billy Smith of the Coast Guard.

This win for the Marines ran the string of victories to eleven against one defeat.

Under the guidance of Major "Tuss" McLaughry and Sergeant John Carleton, head boxing coach, fistic feats have boomed on the Marine base. Each battalion has its own boxing instructor and every recruit undergoing training at the base receives daily instructions in the art of self-defense.

Smokers have been held twice a week during the summer months and that same schedule will be maintained throughout the winter season. These smokers have proved to be very heavy "morale" builders for the boys who receive their training here, as well as providing good wholesome entertainment for all the personnel.

Hitting the Spotlight

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mid-ring and lashed out with a fierce two-fisted attack, stunning and staggering Anthony—and causing the spectators, many of whom had seen his battle with Agosta, to cheer him lustily. Showing no sign of fatigue, Anzalone ripped into his foe and blasted him with stiff hooks and jarring right-handers till Leon Anthony did a Leon Errol around the ring. He went down under a barrage of lefts and rights to the jaw.

In the second round, Larry lambasted Anthony so unmercifully, dropping him three times with bone-crushing blows, that the referee halted the slaughter, giving the bout to Anzalone on a technical knockout. In this bout, as in his battle with Agosta, the stocky lad displayed amazing speed and punching power. His clever boxing also caught the eye.

Born on September 10, 1918, at Lodi, N. J., Larry was placed in an orphanage at the age of nine when his mother died, and there he remained for four years. He quit the last term in grammar school to take up boxing on a dare. At 16, Larry entered amateur competition and won eight out of nine bouts. Then, after stopping two opponents, he took the Golden Gloves lightweight title.

Leaving home, he came to New York City and tried, but failed, to get a job. That decided him to turn pro. Since April, 1937, Anzalone has taken part in about 90 ring battles. He has distinguished himself as a real fighter, win, lose or draw. He has beaten such men as Pete Koloff, Mickey Paul, Silvio Zangrillo, Tony Greb, Sammy Meadows, Frankie Haynes, and held the tough Augie Arellano to a draw. Larry also stood off Cal Cagni, Johnny McHale, Frankie Terry and Jackie Kid Berg.

In 1941, Anzalone knocked out Jose Caballero, welterweight champion of Spain, in Havana, Cuba. Later he lost a split decision to Joe Legon, 145-pound title holder of Cuba.

He then joined the United States Army, took his basic training at Camp Croft in South Carolina and was shifted to Fort Bragg. A few months ago he was honorably discharged from the service because of a chronic sinus condition after serving for two years. Since resuming his fistic career several months ago under the guidance of Louis Schiro, the stocky 155-pound ex-soldier has halted Gerold Garry in three heats and Teddy Brown in four. He then trounced Bully Brown in six, drew with Agosta and flattened Anthony.

A sort of "Believe It or Not" in Larry's career occurred when, in 1940, at Palm Beach, Florida, he stiffened Buddy O'Dell three times in three rounds—the latter's first defeat in 29 contests. When Anzalone put him out in the first round, the bell saved him. In the second heat, after Larry knocked him cold, O'Dell's seconds claimed foul. The referee gave Buddy a ten-minute rest. At the resumption of the battle, Larry put Buddy away.

Judged by Anzalone's showings since his return to ring warfare, there is every likelihood that he'll be fighting the topnotchers.

Johnson *vs.* Ketchel

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rammed hard left to stomach. Ketchel got in light left on the mouth. They clinched.

ROUND FIVE—Johnson missed with left. Johnson blocked Ketchel's left and clinched. Johnson sent straight left to mouth. Ketchel's head went back from another left. Johnson followed with another and blocked Ketchel's left hook in clinch. Johnson landed two straight lefts on face and hard right on body. Ketchel reeled. Johnson drove in two straight lefts and there was blood on Ketchel's lips.

ROUND SIX—Johnson blocked a left body blow and clinched. Johnson got in two straight lefts. Ketchel put in a right to body. Johnson sent Ketchel reeling with right on jaw and dropped him to his haunches with straight left. Stanley hooked Johnson in the ribs with left. Johnson prodded Ketchel repeatedly with left. Johnson shot in straight left as bell rang.

ROUND SEVEN—Johnson put in straight left three times. Ketchel's nose bled freely. Johnson used his left on face repeatedly. In a clinch Johnson began pumping his right uppercuts for the first time reaching face and body. Johnson sent Ketchel reeling with right. In clinch, Johnson worked his uppercut again, tilting Ketchel's head. Ketchel swung hard left, which caught Johnson on glove.

ROUND EIGHT — Johnson drove straight left to face. Each landed left to body. Ketchel got in left on body on break. Johnson sent straight left and right to ribs. Ketchel swung left on the body. Johnson scored twice with straight left.

ROUND NINE—Johnson rammed home a straight left. Ketchel followed Johnson, swinging for body. Johnson sent in head-tilting left. Johnson caught Ketchel with right hook on mouth as Ketchel ducked, and sent him to the ropes. Ketchel missed wild swing and Johnson brought blood from lips with a couple of straight lefts. Johnson scored again with a left.

ROUND TEN—Johnson landed two left body blows and sent two lefts to stomach. Jack got in several lefts on the mouth and nose. Ketchel seemed to be stumbling and Johnson lifted him off his feet with one arm. Johnson straightened his left every few seconds, bringing blood from Ketchel's mouth. Johnson sent Ketchel reeling with left hook on the neck.

ROUND ELEVEN—Johnson sent in straight left and used the right uppercut in clinch. Johnson put in two straight lefts. In a clinch Johnson used the right uppercut repeatedly. Ketchel's head went back from a straight left. Ketchel tried a right uppercut. Johnson tried twice with left uppercuts to chin. Johnson avoided them and used the right uppercut, landing each time. Johnson began swinging his left into the body and scored repeatedly.

ROUND TWELVE — Johnson met Ketchel with a straight left. Some one on Ketchel's angle yelled: "Now, then, Stanley!" and Ketchel let go a swing with right. His glove seemed to curve around Johnson's neck and Johnson sank clumsily to the floor, his knees knocking against the mat as he sank. There was a bit of a grin on Johnson's face, so that he was evidently in the possession of all his senses. Johnson jumped up quickly and, turning on his heels, met Ketchel's rush. The Negro lashed out with a powerful right that came up from the hip. The finishing blow was a right-hander. Ketchel fell on his back and threw his arms wide. He was stretched out long after the ten seconds had elapsed, and had to be carried to his corner.

Big Plans for Hawaii

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promotor in Honolulu.

Charley Carr defeated Chester Hayes in the title bout, with Bucky O'Neill the referee. The bout topped a five-bout card and saw the wrestlers and promoter putting on the show for the service fans for a small expense bill only. There was no gate charge with more than 13,000 service fans enjoying the show.

Schofield Barracks is staging professional wrestling every third Tuesday, with capacity houses at each show. The next card will be headlined by sailors, Chief Petty Officer Stanley Skieski and Elmer Davis, meeting for the Central Pacific Area's Navy professional mat crown.

Soldier wrestlers doing well for themselves in Hawaii include Kelly Cox, younger brother of King Kong Cox; Axel Matson of Toledo, Ohio; Frank Robinson, the Golden Terror; Ernie Aultman, and Ernie Powers, now in the battle line.

Sailors making good money as pro wrestlers include Chief Stanley Skieski, Elmer Davis, Leo McAllister and Lou Franko.

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MANY soldiers and sailors are doing well in the Honolulu professional fight game, working on the Sunday afternoon bouts promoted by Leo (The Lion) Leavitt at the Civic Auditorium. Sellouts of 5,000 are the order even in the face of football competition. Fights are held in the afternoon because of blackout and curfew restrictions in effect after nightfall.

Among the top service fighters are Nat Pratt, Blondie Thomas, Ralph DeJohn, Quentin Hernandez, Ray Powell, Jimmy Hursey, Leo Gossens, Flashy Simmons, Jimmy Lewis, Joe Hernandez, Don Benzor, Freddy Lawrence and Teddy King.

Coast Guardsman Al Schaft is a licensed referee and recently worked the Rush Dalma-David Young title bout.

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LETTERS *from Our* READERS

RALPH DEL GIORNO is my kid brother. You probably never heard of the kid, but he's one of Uncle Sam's boys now, serving in one of the finest groups ever assembled to beat the common foe.

Ralph is a paratrooper, trained in Georgia and North Carolina, and then saw tough action in North Africa. He was part of the spearhead that went into Sicily. His letters home are grim and realistic, sometimes pathetic. They made their first invasion jump at night and took town after town, hundreds of prisoners and tons of materiels of war.

The Germans weren't tough enough, for our troopers beat the hell out of them and took them into custody, but the germs from the filth and stench did to our boys what the Nazis couldn't do. Ralph is on his back in a hospital in Sicily with a little fever. It's malaria. And every letter it's the same cry! "Please send me a RING Magazine." Believe me, Mister, I've searched from Hempstead to Syosset and everyone says, "No dice." Out here gardening journals and other kindred magazines are okay to sell.

Now here's the plea. Send whatever old copies you may have around the office and at the same time send him a full year's subscription and send me the bill for whatever costs are involved, such as postage, etc.

If you look in today's *Daily News* you'll see a dozen parachutists stretched out. They'll never see the Statue of Liberty again, nor Coney Island, nor the little gal they left back home. Ralph was one of the lucky ones to come out, even if the bugs got him—and he wants more than anything in the world right now—"a Sunday paper and a RING Magazine."

This is my plea to you—please don't let the kid wait another day—rush it out as fast as you can and bill me for the damages. If you have several old issues send them, too, a broken legged guy or a fellow with shrapnel in him likes to read about THE RING—please!

May God bless you and yours.

FRANK DEL GIORNO,
35 Cameron Ave., Hempstead, L. I.

(Fifteen minutes after your letter reached me, a load of magazines were on their way to the Post Office for shipment to your brother. And a letter telling him how proud we at home are of him and those serving with him. I asked him to turn the magazines over to the Hospital after he is through with them.

(Unfortunately, though we give plenty of magazines away free to the servicemen, we are hampered by the War Paper Board which has turned down our request for a few tons of extra paper. With the severe cut all magazines have been forced to take, we have found it necessary to cut out the smaller cities to enable us to meet our servicemen's requirements.—Editor's Note)

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YOUR magazine is undoubtedly the Bible of Boxing and is the game's greatest asset and authority. While thumbing through some time-yellowed RINGS of the past, I discovered that you not only edit a great book today, but have been consistent in doing so for many years. Boxing owes you a great deal. You have promoted and protected the sport and I feel sure that the name of Nat Fleischer will be immortal with fighters and fans from Jacobs' Beach to every section of Cauliflower Canyon.

Quite a bit has happened since I last wrote you, but I haven't missed a single RING in that time. I'm in the "big fight" now, shipping able seamen on a gasoline tanker in the Merchant Marine. Haven't been torpedoed yet and have my fingers crossed, but we are constantly in sub-infested waters of the Atlantic and Caribbean. Quite a few of my shipmates are fight fans and they all enjoy my copy of THE RING as it reaches me each month. Occasionally I get a workout aboard ship so as to keep my hand in, as I still have hopes of fighting pro after the war.

My amateur record is only average, but I believe with what I've learned in the past year I can compete with your younger Eastern pros—at least, I want to try.

Should you publish this letter, I'd like to take this advantage to say hello to some of my amateur stablemates from Las Cruces, New Mexico, all ardent RING readers, now scattered on the fighting fronts of the world. A hearty hello to Lt. (j. g.) Joe Resley of the Naval Air Corps, Scott Campbell of the U. S. Navy, George Carter and Darrell Warren of the U. S. Army Air Corps, Ensign Buddy Delgado of the Naval Air Corps and Russell Watson of the U. S. Army. Lots of luck and I'll see you all after the war. Let's all keep punching.

Well Nat, it's lean days for boxing but I know the game will survive the war and enjoy its greatest boom as soon as that last shot is fired by us. For the sake of our greatest sport, keep writing.

JAMES "WICK" BLANTON,
U. S. Merchant Marine.

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IT'S a long time to go back to that cruel verdict against Jim Corbett when he met Bob Fitzsimmons in Carson City, Nevada, forty-six years ago to protect his Championship of the World you relate in THE RING's December, 1943, issue.

Twice overconfidence wrecked Corbett's career. The first in his fight with Fitzsimmons and the second when he had Jim Jeffries outboxed for twenty-three rounds of a twenty-five round contest in Coney Island.

It was the report that Corbett had agreed to let Fitzsimmons stay nine rounds for the picture take. His confidence was supreme that he could finish the Australian any time he chose. He made his fight this way not only to outbox him, but maneuver his opponent into the sun's glare and immediately jab his face with vicious stabs and weaken him for the ultimate knockout; but he failed to reckon with two realities; first Fitzsimmons' wife Rose, and second with the terrific power in Fitzsimmons' arms. Rose never let up "riding" Jim or encouraging her husband.

When her husband was knocked down during the fight and was in a distressed condition it was the urgent pleadings of Rose that brought him finally to his feet at the count of nine. As the fight went on Rose became even more defiant and kept up a steady stream of words like for instance: "You can't punch, you dude." "You can't knock my man down you bum of a Native Son." "You're licked, you can't punch." "You're through, you've got him, Bob," etc.

After the twelfth round Corbett began to make a fight of it, to regulate his gait for a longer contest than he had figured. He started to clinch and lean over his man, and it was in one of these breaks that Fitzsimmons drove a terrific right into his wind and left him on the floor rolling over trying to get his breath. Corbett was up after fifteen seconds, but it was too late, he'd lost the championship, and although he made a rush to continue the fight, although he pleaded, although he wanted to go on with the fight and give Fitz the championship, but fight anyway, it was too late. The bell had tolled.

Fitzsimmons never gave Corbett another chance. Never did a man plead as Corbett did for another fight, but the wise Australian declined.

Much is said about Fitzsimmons' lack of weight. Below the waist he was a lightweight, but above it he flushed out V shape to become around the shoulders as powerful as any heavyweight should be, and it was from there he got his power.

We always admired Jim Corbett. He was such a beautiful boxer, so gallant in his work, so handsome and interesting, one could not help but like him. Corbett was always a thoroughbred.

VINCENT WOODBURY,
Alamo Heights,
San Antonio, Texas.

I HAVE never written to you before except when I sent for books published by you, but I feel that when a person is deserving of it, due credit should be given him publicly for the fine work he has been and still is doing. Thus the inspiration for this letter from a foxhole in the South Pacific.

Your "Bible of Boxing," THE RING, has kept me and my pals posted on doings in fisticuffs at home, our favorite sport. For seven years I have been an ardent reader of your publication and now, more so than ever, the magazine carries a tremendous appeal. Therefore, as a chronic reader, I feel justified in saying to you, Nat, "No job could have been more complete than your urbane association with THE RING."

To exemplify the popularity of THE RING, may I call your attention to the most unorthodox place for one to be reading the publication—yes, a foxhole on Guadalcanal. That's exactly where your magazine is now with me, a cherished pal to bring relief to one so far away from home.

Mother has been sending me THE RING. She subscribed for it for me, and the copies have been coming in regularly. She also sent me the "Life of Gene Tunney" and "In and Out of the Ring," and needless to tell you that I have absorbed these from cover to cover—yes, I digested the contents and then passed the books on to my buddies to help them pass the time.

Your books are wonderful reading for relaxation. We eat up the news here.

Nat, may I make a suggestion. Why not try to make all of your books of uniform size and with uniform covers so that we can handle them more easily. We could use them to better advantage then in our library.

Well, Nat, I just wanted you to know how we in the service feel about your work and how we hope that nothing will interfere with your work on our behalf. Your magazine is a godsend gift to us lads even in the lands that He has forgotten.

We of the South Pacific send you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Joyous New Year which we trust we will be able to share with you and our folks ere another year passes.

FRANK J. WALLACE,
Somewhere in the South Pacific.

(Frank, your letter touched me deeply. It made me feel, more so than ever, that my job is to serve the boys at the front, in the camps, on the high seas and in the air. I have not been very well, my health is not what it should be, but I shall carry on for "my boys" as long as God grants me the strength and Uncle Sam gives me sufficient paper to enable me to print the magazine for you.—Editor's Note)

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SOME months ago my mother, Mrs. L. Currie-Wood, wrote to you, but as we fear you may not have received the letter, I am now writing on her behalf. You were extremely kind and sent my brother, Edin, copies of THE RING monthly. On June 7th, 1942, he and his twin brother, Thomas, went into action at Gazala. Edin was taken prisoner but Thomas was killed.

In a recent letter, Edin, who is in Camp 85, P.M. 3450, Italy, asked us to buy and keep, if possible, copies of your world-famed magazine.

As it is impossible to purchase THE RING out here my mother was wondering whether you could possibly keep all copies from June, 1942, up to the end of this war, and then—when mails are certain of reaching their destinations—send them out here to us.

We are very anxious that Edin should have THE RING and if you sent the copies monthly there is the danger of our not receiving them, and as every copy is precious, I think you will agree it would be wiser for you to keep them until the day when the world can breathe freely once again.

I, also, have taken a great interest in your magazine and have grown to be a great boxing fan. As my father is vice-president of the Natal Amateur Boxing Association here, I naturally see a good many tournaments. We have not seen many of your countrymen fight yet, but those whom we have seen gave us some very enjoyable bouts.

Mum sends you her best wishes and grateful thanks for giving my brothers so much happiness during their spell of desert life with the British-African army.

Trusting that you, your daughter and her soldier husband are all in the best of health, I am,

JOAN CURRIE-WOOD.

P. S. In case you cannot quite "place" my brother—you very kindly published his photo and my mother's letter in one of your magazines between January and June, 1942. I thank you again for all you have done.

(Your request has been granted. I have taken the copies and placed them in my personal library to make certain that brother Edin will get them when Peace on Earth reigns again. Yes, I recall your brother Thomas. He was delighted with the photo we published of him reading THE RING *at the side of his desert tent and wrote a beautiful letter to me.*

Somewhere in my package of more than 4000 letters from soldiers all over the world that I have kept and will always cherish, is that of brother Thomas. He died for a cause for which he was proud to fight.—Editor's Note)

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IT must be a long time, now, since I sat down to write you a letter, however you don't need to be told how busy we are down here in Australia, carrying on with a sadly depleted staff, whilst all the young chaps are in the forces. However, things certainly look much more our way now, than in the last twelve months.

I have been kept well aware of the tremendous task that you yourself have taken on, in supplying recreation for the men in uniform. It is a wonder to me how you keep going, but you no doubt enjoy every minute, knowing that you are helping to lighten the burden for the lads, who are no doubt many miles away from their homes and plunged into strange surroundings of military camps. No doubt that boxing takes number one priority in the sports that troops of all Allied Nations look forward to. Even under the noses of the Japs out this way, the boys have a ring with floodlights complete, where our boys and yours compete.

I am always on the lookout for any articles to put into your museum, and came across a very fine edition of "The Book of Sports" by Pierce Egan. I have mailed this to you under separate cover and would like you to accept it with my compliments.

Well, Nat, the boxing game is holding its own here in Melbourne. We have packed houses at the Stadium every Saturday night, with mostly all local and interstate fights heading the bills. We have one or two Yanks from the forces in the main events, but of all these and those also in the prelim ranks, there has not been any one of outstanding ability to mark down as a likely prospect, with the one exception of Tommy Moyer, a former Golden Glover, who turned pro out here.

Tommy has everything that combines to make a real champion fighter. He has not yet tackled any of the long distance fights, because of his inability to get into proper trim. However, if he decides to take it on after the war, he should be noted by you, as being someone above the ordinary. He'll make good, Nat!

Whizzer White, 16, stone man mountain, had a main bout here against our Australian light-heavyweight champion, Jack Johnson, weighing about 12 stone. On the night prior to the fight, Whizzer gave a broadcast over one of our stations, and during the course of the interview, he said that he would like to have a bout with Joe Louis when he got back home. Well, naturally we looked forward to seeing Johnson in a tight spot.

However, boxing coolly and avoiding Whizzer's haymakers, he piled up quite a handy points lead, but later went through the ropes in one round and took a count of nine. A little later he again went down, then this Johnson lad had the audacity to sail into the big fellow, and it was not long before White called it quits and did not come up for the ninth round. How long would he have lasted with Jolting Joe?

Well Nat that is about all the news from here at the moment, so I will conclude, again congratulating you on the fine work that you are doing for the boys in the forces, and thanking you for past favors to me.

BOB HANLON.
Melbourne, Australia.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By IRVING RUDD

THE Boxing Writers' Association dinner, at which balloting for the Eddie Neil Trophy award took place, was one of the best attended in the history of that organization. Speculation as to the winner of the award was varied, and debates were plentiful, and when the smoke, or rather, the luncheon dishes, were cleared, the 4,019 boxers in the armed forces found themselves the recipients of the coveted trophy.

Incidentally, our boss, Nat Fleischer, was high up in the early balloting and probably would have been the individual selected if it came to a vote, but he quickly withdrew, requesting that some boxer on the fighting fronts be chosen. Our personal choice would have been Fred Apostoli.

Speaking of Nat, he was interviewed by *Time* Magazine recently and stated that in his opinion TOM Sharkey was one of the five greatest fighters of all time. A misprint resulted and JACK Sharkey was named as one of the five greats. For days afterwards, the phone rang angrily with the callers demanding how the genial editor could possibly have included the Bostonian among his immortals. Letters poured in from Army camps, and strangely enough, many "backed" Nat's "opinion" and "was glad that Sharkey finally received the credit due him." For our money, we think Jack Sharkey was plenty of prizefighter and vastly underrated.

Caught Tony Canzoneri's act at the Loew's State Theatre in New York and enjoyed it immensely. In the advance billing and publicity, Canzoneri makes no attempt to sell himself as a former great fistic champ, but stands on his merits solely as a comic. He is a perfect stooge and foil for the clever comedian, Joey Adams, and the beloved little battler should go a long way towards being a successful vaudeville performer. His imitations of Edward G. Robinson, Clark Gable and Shirley Temple will panic you.

During normal times we would be appalled at the number of old-time names who have come out of retirement to don the gloves again, but with the scarcity of talent they are a welcome addition to many a fight card. They know the fistic ropes and can hold their own with the majority of the younger crop, but care should be taken by the commissions to weed out those who never were top flight men in the boxing world and never were good enough from the start. Such "comeback talent" is out merely to take a shellacking and collect a purse.

Don't know why the column should receive a protest over the Baltimore correspondent's report that Eddie Davis had whipped Walter Poodles when the verdict was a draw, but here it is, corrected . . . . There's a scrapper down Mexico way, name of Juan "Kid" Estrada, who is also a bullfighter and a topnotcher, too . . . . Last month he scored a kayo over six bulls in the afternoon and then boxed that night in the ring. Sounds like a lot of bull, but it's the truth . . . . Rumor has it that Manuel Ortiz is going to step out of his class to tackle N. B. A. featherweight king Phil Terranova on the Pacific Coast . . . . Our gremlins inform us that the match may wind up as an Eastern debut of the highly heralded bantam champ either at the Garden or in one of the New England States.

And now for the bouts of the month at New York's boxing clubs:

Sidney "Beau Jack" Walker may not be the greatest lightweight champion in ring history, but the former Georgia bootblack definitely proved he rates with the immortals when it comes to guts, grit and determination as he swarmed all over Bob Montgomery for fifteen rounds to recapture his New York version of the lightweight title before a near-capacity crowd at Madison Square Garden.

A 4 to 1 underdog, considered a flash in the pan who never had it to begin with, the Beau, weighing a slick 132¾, a pound less than Montgomery, surprised the crowd of 17,866 by taking charge at the outset and maintaining his relentless pace right down to the final gong. He stayed on top of Bob, battering him with jolting lefts in close, scored more frequently with long range smashes, and even outboxed and outsmarted the more experienced Philadelphian.

It was a thriller from bell to bell, with the Bobcat trying hard to save his title via the knockout route. In the fourteenth he almost succeeded, driving a right to the jaw that dazed Beau Jack, but the "Jojah" boy managed to evade a barrage of punches so that his foe was unable to get in another telling shot. Referee Young Otto and Judges Bill Healy and Joe Agnello scored it unanimously for Beau Jack. The gate grossed $96,873.

Lew Hanbury, 135½, looked good in winning the semi-final six over Fred Addeo, 137¾. Ham Wiloby, 123, reversed a previous loss to Davey Crawford, 125, but once again encountered stubborn opposition from the sturdy Brooklynite. This was the third meeting between the pair. A strong last round finish won for Al Gomez, 132¼, after he had been dropped for a nine-count in the fourth frame by Mike Delia, 135¼, in another six. In a sixer put on after the main go, Harold Smith, 149, won over Neil Miller, 152.

The curtain raiser saw Leslie Jock, 123½, beat Bobby Henry, 128½.

Busy Izzy Jannazzo, veteran welterweight, showed Ernie (Cat) Robinson, hard-hitting colored youngster, that he still has plenty on the ball when he easily tamed the "Cat" over the eight-round route in the main event at the Broadway Arena.

Jannazzo, whose ring record goes back to a corking title fight with Barney Ross in 1936, consistently employed his famous left jab, clicking and sticking so many in Robinson's face that the Cat must have thought he had blundered into a boxing glove factory. Robinson never stopped trying. He kept plodding forward hoping to score with some of his wicked rights, but Jannazzo, turning in one of his really skillfully brilliant performances, had no trouble in winning by a wide margin. In fact, Izzy socked and rocked the game Long Islander in the third and belted him with everything but the ringside chairs in a vain attempt to finish his man. The winner, at 150¾, had a four and three-quarters pounds weight advantage.

In the semi-final of eight rounds, Frankie Terry, 154½, outpointed Tony Grey, 152½. Frankie socked a bit too hard for Grey, who tried to "outcute" his foe. Two scheduled sixes didn't last that long. Tommy Fallon, 159, knocked out Randy Drew, 167, in 2:11 of the third, while Johnny Guarino, 137, belted Zack Taylor, 131¾, into slumberland in 59 seconds of the fourth. The curtain-raiser also ended in a knockout. Nick Toretto, 155¼, stopped Steve Kish in 2:57 of the third.

Handicapped by a severely cut left eye suffered in the very first round, Joe Reddick, Paterson, N. J., middleweight, rallied gamely and savagely to win the decision from Dick Fuller of South Norwalk, Conn., in the feature eight-round go at the White Plains County Center.

A vicious right-hand swipe opened the cut on Reddick's eye, and Fuller thereafter concentrated on the vulnerable spot and succeeded in reopening the wound in almost every round. It seemed certain that the fight would be halted, but Reddick kept punching away until he had Fuller on the verge of a knockout at the closing gong. Reddick, weighing 159½, spotted Fuller six pounds.

In the co-feature eight-round fracas, Aaron Eatman, 174½, of Bridgeport, decisioned Larry Scalone, 178¼. Scalone, now a soldier, was making a return to ring warfare after a long layoff and was dropped for a four-count in the seventh. Johnny Gebert, 128½, outpointed Tommy Warnock, 135½, in a lively six-round scrap, and Joe Mulli, 156, triumphed over Jimmy Williams, 149½, in another sixer. Andy Falcorn, 149, flattened the oft-flattened Verne Atkins, 150¼.

Big-time boxing returned to the Ridgewood Grove, historic small club, after a long lapse, and Jose Basora, top-ranking middleweight contender, was awarded an unpopular decision over rugged Ossie Harris in the ten-round feature.

Harris, 159½, copped the first two rounds with his more effective punching and aggressive style. Basora, 159½, took command throughout the next five rounds, outpunching and outboxing his shorter, sturdy opponent. Harris retaliated in the eighth round by raising a lump over Basora's right eye and by the tenth round had succeeded in completely closing the optic. The final frame was featured by a furious slugfest in which both lads mixed freely. The referee was George Walsh and the judges were Bob Cunningham and Joe Brennan.

Herbie Brydon, 155, knocked out Harold Gray, 157½, in 2:07 of the second round in the semi-final slated for six rounds. In other scheduled sixes, Leo Francis, 132¼, and Charley Smith, 130¾, boxed a draw, while Ballesandro Carubia, 148, knocked out Jerry "Canvasback" McGee, 150, in 1:19 of the fifth frame. Erwin Soloway, 132½, defeated Willie Walker, 132½, in the opening four.

Vic Dellicurti, ringwise Harlem middleweight, and the game Joe Agosta hooked up in an old-fashioned slam-bang club-fighting duel, and after eight hectic rounds, Dellicurti was returned the winner by a close margin. An unintentional low punch by Agosta in the sixth probably cost him the fight.

Agosta, at 155, had the better of the milling in the first two frames, but Dellicurti, 159, got going and copped the next three, dropping his rival for an eight-count, and although he tried hard, couldn't stow Agosta away. Joe then came back in the sixth and jolted Vic with some wilting body smashes and hurt the Harlemite aplenty, only to have the round taken away from him. It was a grand and savage scrap, warranting a return, and the spectators, numbering 2,562, who paid $3,488, certainly got their money's worth.

Wilfe Shanks, 159½, of Canada, won on a disqualification in the sixth and final round of the semi-final over Coolidge Miller, 160. Miller's billy-goat tactics and other infractions taxed the patience of Referee Eddie Joseph, who finally gave him the old heave-ho at 2:00 of the round.

In another of the sixes, John Guarino, 139, scored the hit of the night in defeating Al Vasquez, 133. Guarino was on the floor twice in the fourth, but came back to dump his opponent five times to cop the fray. Rocco Progano, 125½, took the decision over Jock Leslie, 124½, and Joe Mulli, 157, and Tony Grey, 152, battled to a six-round draw.

The opener was a brisk bout, with Tommy Warnock, 137, and Zack Taylor, 133½, stepping to a four-round draw.

Joe Governale, Brooklyn middleweight, avenged a previous knockout at the hands of Pittsburgh Johnny Jones when he punched his way to an easy eight-round decision victory at the Broadway Arena. Outweighed by ten pounds, and suffering from tonsillitis, Jones hardly resembled the brilliant boxer who had previously held Al Davis to a draw. He seemed content to stay the route and Governale romped off with the verdict. Joe weighed 157¼, while the Smoky City scrapper scaled 147.

Vinnie Vines, 152, took some of Larney Moore's best Sunday punches but came through a winner at the end of the eight heats in the co-feature wind-up. Moore weighed 160. Gaspare Abruzzo, 150½, defeated Stanley Miller, 150, in a six, while Frankie Gromada, 133, won from Sam Stigliano, 135½, in another six-round bout. Nick Toretto, 155¾, knocked out Angelo Marchica, 160½, in 27 seconds of the second frame of the opening four.

Gene Pinter, 162, and Freddy Flores, 165, hooked up in the feature eight-round setto at the White Plains Arena, and after an interesting, lively scrap, both had to be satisfied with a draw verdict.

Both boys concentrated on infighting, slamming away at each other with vicious body blows. At long range the boys swapped punches evenly. Pinter forced the fighting almost all the way, but Freddy counter-punched skillfully and in the sixth round staggered his foe and had Pinter tottering for a few seconds. Pinter recovered and drew blood from Flores' nose at the end.

In the six-round semi-windup, Russ Baxter, 166, kid prospect of the U. S. Army, smacked Johnny Harris, 161, silly but didn't seem to be able to bring his man down. With Harris out on his feet at 2:09 of the fourth frame, Referee Al Reich stopped the slaughter. The Navy came through also in the person of Tommy Fallon, 159, who soundly shellacked Leon Anthony, 162, and finally flattened him as the bell rang ending the third round. A commission physician refused to let Anthony continue.

The third six paired Johnny Gebert, 129, and Eddie Cummings, 130, and Gebert romped off with the duke, punishing his man with hard rights

to the body. Sam Carter, 139, eked out a four-round win over Fred Picone, 134, and Andy Faison, 152, easily won the other four from Harold Gary, 156.

Returning to the ring after a year's absence, Coast Guardsman Johnny Colan, 179¾, showed surprisingly good form as he outpointed Billy Grant, 173, in the main eight-round go at the Ridgewood Grove Sporting Club.

The game Grant proved a stubborn foe and made Colan step every second. At infighting, the more active Grant excelled in spots, but Colan scored with some hefty wallops to cop the duke. A capacity crowd of 3,500 was on hand to welcome back Colan, who ranked among the top light-heavyweights before he enlisted in the Coast Guard.

In sixes, Ballesandro Carubia, 150½, knocked out Georgie Zeitz, 144, in 1:46 of the second, while Bradley Lewis, 160, stowed Danny Aldridge, 162¾, away in one heat. Walter "Cabey" Lewis, 123¾, defeated Clyde English, 125, in a sixer that went the route. Jerry Coursol, 136½, defeated Fred Picone, 132½, in a four, and Jackie Dunn, 133¾, drew with Zack Taylor, 135, in another four.

Frankie Terry, 154, aggressive Bensonhurst welterweight, qualified for a crack at Al Davis, when he defeated Phil Enzenga, 151, of Baltimore, in the eight-round star bout at the Broadway Arena before a crowd of 3,000.

It was a rough-and-tumble scrap, with both boys fighting themselves off their feet and rolling to the canvas on two occasions. Terry was credited with a clean knockdown when he floored his adversary with a sharp right to the jaw in the seventh canto. Enzenga was right up at the count of one. In the same round, Pete Hartley, the referee, stepped into the path of a wild haymaker and suffered a cut right eye which bled profusely for the remainder of the bout.

Confusion reigned following the semi-final of eight rounds between Tommy Campanella, 170½, and Teddy Reynolds, 169¾. The decision was awarded to Campanella and the crowd booed loudly for several minutes, so much that the main bout could not be announced. The verdict was later officially changed to a draw when it was learned that Judge Jim Clarke had made an error when he voted for Campanella, for his score sheet tally had the scrap all even. Still, according to the rules, regardless of the rounds score being even, a referee or judge can still vote a winner, but Clarke chose to reverse it.

Freddie Addeo defeated Frankie Velez in eight rounds. At 141, Fred spotted his man 4¼ pounds.

In a special six, Tommy Fallon, 160, was dropped for counts of seven and eight in the third round by Johnny Harris, 160½, and appeared to be on the way out when he suddenly uncorked one and knocked Harris flatter than yesterday's coffee at 2:46 of the third round. Tony Grey, 152, outpointed Verne Atkins, 149¾, in the opening four.

Staging his usual last round rally, Pvt. Marvin Bryant, 159½, barely eked out a win over aggressive Larry Anzalone, 155¾, when the two collided over the eight-round route at the St. Nicholas Arena before a crowd of 3,500. Referee Johnny Marto voted a draw, while the judges, Sam Robinson and Marty Monroe, cast their ballots for Bryant.

Anzalone started quickly, using some powerful left hooks to the head and body. He nailed Bryant often and upon more than one occasion it appeared that the soldier was headed for a trip to the canvas. Bryant began scoring with right-hand shots to the jaw along about the fourth round and, as Larry tired, nailed him time and again but couldn't bring him down. Anzalone showed great recuperative powers and got going again in the seventh frame, connecting with left hooks and looping right-handers to the jaw.

The bout was even-stephen going into the final canto and Bryant shook his man up with rights to the jaw. It was a terrific finish to an already excellent scrap and had the customers limp. A return go, this time over the ten-round span, to settle the issue was the suggestion of the majority of spectators.

Joey Varoff, 153½, of the Coast Guard, had too much class for Jimmy Morrison, 152½, and the latter was not permitted to come up for the fifth round after taking a one-sided shellacking. Rocky Graziano, 151, punched too hard for Charley McPherson, 156¼, and copped a six-round duke. In another six, Bobby Gunter, 131½, and Leo Francis, 134½, staged a whale of a go and the draw decision rendered was unanimously approved. Teddy Brown, 171, had Tony Vone, 171½, in pretty bad shape at 2:43 of the second round and a halt was called. In the four-round curtain-raiser, Nick Toretto, 154½, outpointed Verne Atkins, 152½.

Setting a fast pace from the start, Frankie Rubino, Brooklyn favorite, turned the tables on top-ranking Lulu Costantino by winning the decision after ten hard-fought rounds. Having been whipped by the classy Costantino in a previous go, Frankie begged for a return match, claiming he could lick the classy East Sider.

Rubino scored with many a stiff belt, and although Lulu was obviously the flashier of the two, his darting left and Fancy Dan tactics seemed only to spur Rubino on with renewed fury. As the opening gong sounded, the Brooklyn youngster was a 7 to 1 underdog. Both men weighed 131¾. The defeat cost Lulu a high rating in THE RING's annual selections.

In the semi-final scheduled for six rounds, Gaspare Abruzzo, 154, connected with a whistling right-hand punch to the chin of Nick Calder, 155, and flattened him at 1:47 of the third. Frankie Gromada, 135, outpointed Eddie Cummings, 134½, in a hard-fought bout of six rounds. Another six saw Tommy Warnock, 137, returned the winner over Jeff Holloway, 136½. Freddie Picone, 135, was the winner over Mark Smith, 133, in the opening four-rounder.

Joe Reddick, Paterson, N. J., middleweight, scored an easy victory over Dick Fuller of South Norwalk, Conn., when the two squared off in a return go at the White Plains County Center. In their last fray, the Jerseyite suffered a severe eye cut and barely emerged the victor, but this time, boxing from a crouch to avoid a repetition, he baffled Fuller while smashing away with hefty lefts to the head and body. Reddick, at 160½, spotted his foe five pounds and administered a sound lacing to Fuller.

Russ Baxter, 163, Army kid prospect, found Bill Kendrick, 172, a little too much and suffered his first loss in the six-round semi-windup. Ballesandro Carubia scored an unpopular six-round win over Tony Grey. Grey, at 150, was four pounds heavier than his opponent.

Doug Carter, 136, won in another six-rounder from Jackie Leamus, 137. Steve Kish, 162, and Tony Mann, 157, engaged in a corking four-round setto with each man taking trips to the deck several times. Kish won the decision. Lee Black, 155, and Art Shepherd, 152, drew in the first four-round bout.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY B. WINKLER

MANUEL ORTIZ defended his bantamweight title for the eighth time within the past year by turning back challenger Benny Goldberg of Detroit, in a 15-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Goldberg went the distance without once being floored by the hard-hitting little Mex, but, so could have Charlie Paddock or Glen Cunningham, for, you have to catch a guy before you can knock him down.

The bout started slowly and there was little action in the first five rounds, each trying to score with a hard counter-punch, so, Ortiz, as well as Goldberg, was reluctant to lead. It is risky business leading to a counter-punching southpaw, especially to one as shifty and hard-hitting as the little Hebrew, but, when Manuel realized that Benny had no intentions to force the fighting. Ortiz tossed caution to the winds and tore into his retreating challenger and won his bout the "hard way."

The fight really started in the sixth. Ortiz cornered Benny and hurt him with a couple overhand rights. Goldberg fought back and bloodied the champ's nose, but the Detroiter was badly roughed up in this session. The challenger receipted for a pasting again in the 10th, being staggered three times from rights to head, and almost floored from blows to body. Manuel repeated the dose again in the 11th and 12th rounds. In the later heat, Ortiz twice doubled Goldberg up with hard uppercuts to the stomach, but Benny's skill at clinching kept him from going down. Manuel slowed down in the 13th and he appeared tired, but, those blows to the body were still fresh in Benny's mind and he would not force the fighting. Ortiz coasted in the 14th, and Goldberg did lead occasionally and scored a few points, so, it was thought (or hoped) that he would go "all out" in the final round, slugging it out with the champ in hopes of landing a haymaker, his only chance to win the title. But, when Ortiz tore out of his corner in the 15th and wanted to exchange punches, Goldberg backpedaled more than ever, for, Benny wanted only to go the distance.

The decision of Referee Mushy Callahan and both judges was unanimous. Callahan credited Ortiz with 9 rounds, called one even and gave Goldberg 5. This writer chalked up 8 for Ortiz, called 5 even and considered Goldberg ahead in only two heats. Ortiz weighed 117½, Goldberg 116½.

In the supporting bouts of the Ortiz-Goldberg title go, Emmett Grier, 133, Detroit Negro, looked good in easily winning over Al Sanchez, 132, in the 5-round semi-windup; Johnny Armando, 138, shellacked Torpedo Reed, 136, in four; Sailor Bobby Reister, 154, who was a local sensation about twelve years ago, K.O.'ed Jackie Cooper, 152, in the second round; Ponce Jurado, 119, won over Little Joe Miller, 117, in four, and Russell Metcalf, 176, decisioned Ambrose Holliday, 180, in four.

For a persistent challenger, Goldberg disappointed in his efforts to wrest the title from Ortiz. Benny performed as though he were the champion defending the crown, instead of the party who was in there to remove it from his opponent. He backpedaled, countered, hit and held. All of which adds credit to Ortiz as a champion, for, he could very well have taken a "come and get it" attitude, and Goldberg would have had to carry the fight to the little truck farmer, if he hoped to win the title. But, Benny is smart and probably never would have done the leading, for, to do so, would be like taking whiffs at chloroform.

Archie Moore of San Diego (via St. Louis) turned the tables on Jack Chase of Los Angeles (formerly of Walsenburg, Colo.), in a close ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. But, Chase is still the California middleweight champion, as state titles are now decided in only 15-round bouts.

Chase piled up a lead in the first few rounds with a fast left hand and some fancy footwork, with Archie always a little late in trying to connect with a damaging punch. Moore shook up Chase with a hard right just before the bell in the 5th, and he took the play away from Jack in the 6th.

It was in the 7th that both got in their best licks, and both came close to sniffing the resin. Chase sunk a right into Moore's body that bent him over, then followed through with two solid rights to the head. But, a minute later, Archie almost tore Jack's head off with an uppercut and then put on a two-fisted barrage that had Chase in a bad way at the bell.

Moore had a distinct edge at the end of the 8th, but Chase spurted in the final two rounds and scored often with fast lefts. One judge voted it a draw and Referee Charlie Randolph had Moore ahead by only two points, it was that close. Each weighed 158½.

In the semi, Eloy Renteria, 124, Mexico, was awarded a T.K.O. over Kent Martinez, 129, in the 5th round. Kent was being punched full of holes and Referee Frank Holborow decided it had become too one-sided.

In the 4-rounders, Al Sanchez, 135, and Torpedo Reed, 136, went to a draw; Bernie Cardenas, 158, decisioned Edgar Robinson, 157; Frank Angustine, 152, defeated Moby Beceril, 146, and Ray Puente, 125, K.O.'ed Henry Zamora, 127, in the second.

Lige Drew, 145, San Diego, and Roscoe Smith, 147, Omaha, fought to a fast ten-round draw at the Ocean Park Arena.

In the three supporting prelims, Dave Hernandez, 126, K.O.'ed Harry Stein, 121, in the 5th; Russell Metcalf, 173, decisioned Satin Mimms, 175, in six, and Al Sheidt, 150, won over Earl Howard, 147, in five.

Sgt. Jackie Wilson, en route with the Joe Louis troupe, stopped off in Los Angeles to visit friends and keep a business engagement with a Mr. Villavicencio of Mexico. Jackie spent so much time with his Central Avenue friends that his leave was running short, so, the colored Sarge had little time to spend with Vicente, a meeting that took place at the Olympic, with Babe McCoy as host.

Referee Mushy Callahan properly introduced the Sarge to Mr. V. Wilson, jabbed a couple of times, tossed a couple of looping rights, which the Mexican ducked. Villavicencio worked in a few left hooks when in close. Wilson stabbed Villa with that snaky left two or three times more, and then—pow!—a short right to the button dropped him as though he had been shot. Time, 2.20. Weights, Wilson, 145, Villavicencio, 147.

In the semi, Kenny Watkins, Los Angeles colored middleweight, pounded out a decision over Jimmy Grinnage, Philadelphia Negro lightheavy, having his heavier foe on the verge of a knockout.

In the three 4-rounders, Rudy Cruz, 135, defeated Chick Laws, 136; Tony Mendez, 134, and Harry Cole, 130, went to a draw, and a bout between Dave Hernandez, 126, and Tino Ascasio (their 'steenth), was halted and declared a draw in the third, due to a cut eye.

John Thomas, 135, Los Angeles, defeated Lupe Gonzales, 136, Mexico, in a 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. The colored boxer was credited with 7 of the rounds, but, at no time was the bout one-sided. Lupe had lost to Thomas previously by making a counter-punching fight of it, so, apparently figuring that the way to beat Long John was by aggressiveness—Gonzales carried the fight to him throughout. But, Thomas had too much on the ball for Lupe.

Gonzales knocked Thomas into the ropes with a solid right to the jaw in the 4th round, but, John came back with a two-fisted attack that put the Mexican on defense. Lupe made a last ditch stand in the 10th, flailing both gloves in hopes of scoring a kayo, but, the clever Negro was in no danger.

In the 6-round semi, Rusty Payne, 170, San Diego, was a bit too big for Kenny Watkins, 158, Los Angeles, and the former Texan dragged down the decision, but only after enduring a stormy evening. Watkins was floored four times in the second round by the hard-punching Payne, but he came back fighting and had Rusty in a groggy condition a number of times in later rounds.

In other bouts, Joe Mack K.O.'ed Jack Lundin in the second, after flooring him in the first; Jorge Ortega won over Ice Cream Williams in a 4-rounder; Angel Lopez and George Ybarra mixed less than a round, their go ending via a technical draw because of an eye cut.

As a reward for a thrilling slugfest that they had staged in a 6-rounder three weeks previous, Matchmaker Charlie MacDonald gave Lane Hale, Los Angeles colored clouter, and Roman Starr, Oklahoma Indian, top billing in a double ten at the Hollywood Stadium. A capacity crowd turned out to see these club-fighters repeat their Donnybrook, but, eye cuts suffered by Starr caused the go to be halted at the end of the third.

Both boys started tossing leather in their merry way, but, this time Hale boxed better and his punches were the cleanest, and by the third round Starr was bleeding from cuts over both eyes. After inspecting the cuts during the rest period, Referee Billy Kershner sent the Indian to the showers, awarding Hale the bout on a T.K.O. The winner weighed 161, the loser 159.

In the other 10-rounder, Melvin Johnson, Chicago Negro, disposed of Neva Esparza of Mexico in the eighth. It had been a close, hard fight for seven rounds, with Johnson having a slight advantage, due to his heavier hitting. Esparza made the Chicagoan miss plenty in the early rounds, but Johnson's solid hits must have softened the Mexican up, for Neva crumbled under the first punch the Negro landed in the 8th. Esparza regained his feet at toll of 8, but another right to the jaw put him down for the full count. Each weighed 138.

In the 4-rounders, Frank Angustine, 151, defeated Gene Ronstead, 147; Moby Beceril, 145, dumped Ben Grundy, 144, four times to win handily; Ray Puente, 123, and Dave Hernandez, 122, fought to a draw in the opener.

Promoter Dave Fouts has moved his activities from the Long Beach Auditorium over to the Wilmington Bowl, where the veteran St. Paul manager, Mike McNulty, has been made the Matchmaker.

McNulty's opening show featured two club-fighting welterweights, Rudy Campa of San Fernando, and Ike Blair of El Centro, who battled ten rounds to a draw. Campa had to rally in late rounds to make it even-steven.

In the supporting bouts, Edgar Robinson, Arizona, won by T.K.O. over Larry Martin, Oklahoma, in the 5th, due to a cut eye; Eddie Dyer, Long Beach, K.O.'ed Eddie Ortega, San Fernando, in the third; Bobby Taylor, Watts, and Chick Laws, Los Angeles, drew; Teddy Guerrero, Pasadena, defeated Lou Bland, Oklahoma.

Matchmaker Babe McCoy put four of the younger set of local leather-pushers in two 10-rounders, hoping that one of the quartet might emerge a standout for future billing. None of the four youths did anything to excite the boxing fans, but, one of the bouts built up a good rematch. It was the clash between Nick Moran, 138, Mexico, and Joe Barnum, 142, Culver City. The boys waged such a hectic scrap and the draw decision of Referee Reggie Gilmore caused such a furore, that a return bout was in order.

In the companion ten, Genero Rojo, 140, stopped Freddie Long, 139, in the ninth. It was a free swinging setto, but most of their efforts did little else but stir up the air, their judge of distance being what it was. Long arose from the knockdown in the 9th, but not soon enough to beat Referee Frankie Dolan's count.

Other results: Hector McDonald, 149, defeated Kenny Smith in four; Sammy Mata, 133, K.O.'ed Tony Mendez, 134, in two; Odell Sheppard, 140, decisioned Johnny Lopez, 142, in four.

Van McNutt, 155, Baltimore, stopped Roscoe Smith, 150, Omaha, in the 8th and final round at the Ocean Park Arena. The affair was halted after Smith had been floored for the fourth time.

In the prelims, Sailor Johnny Harrison, 177, decisioned Gene Felton, 192, (6); Joey Savidan, 136, K.O.'ed Bob Spicer, 139, (4); Frank Campbell, 151, iced Jimmy Pierce, 150, (1); Eddie Hernandez, 133, won over Tino Perez, 130, (4).

Tommy Farmer, manager of Manuel Ortiz, made a gracious gesture to Benny Goldberg and his manager Pete Reilly. The soft-spoken Irishman accepted 35% as the champion's end, and requested that Goldberg receive the regular challenger's cut of 12½%, although Ortiz was offered the champion's 37½%, and Reilly would have accepted the match for 7½%. Farmer then also agreed that Goldberg receive 20%, should the gate go over twenty grand, which it did.

Pretty nice going for the manager of a champion who received only expense money ($250) as his end for a crack at the title. Incidentally, Pete Reilly was also a pretty gracious guy when piloting a champion. I recall Reilly booking Freddie Miller in one-horse towns on many occasions, where the purse wouldn't pay for a good dinner, just to help some struggling promoter.

It is a heart that pumps blood into the veins of an Irishman.

Sgt. Ernie Rios of Fort MacArthur is a fair fighter, but had done nothing to rate him a go with Elmer Ray, Florida Negro. Rios weighs but 180, is not a heavy puncher and had engaged in about a dozen bouts, mostly prelims. Ray weighs 196, has had much experience and is a terrific puncher. However, they were matched to go ten rounds at the Hollywood Stadium, and Rios, who is tough and a gamester, did manage to go almost half the distance.

After the first two rounds, in which Ray discovered that the Sarge had little to offer, the burly Negro tore after Rios with both hands and dealt out a brutal beating to the Mexican from then until the lop-sided affair was halted in the fifth. Had Ray not missed most of his wild swings, the bout would have ended much sooner. Rios was badly messed up at the finish.

In the six-round semi, Eli Golindo, 122, pounded out a win over Pee Wee Lewis, 118, Baltimore Negro.

In supporting bouts, Hal Fieberling, 198, won easily over Bill Shead, 180, in four; Johnny Lopez, 142, stopped Don Cox, 141, in the third; Armando Fontes, 130, K.O.'ed Gene Smith, 131, in the first; Ray Puente, 126, defeated Ralph Lara, 125, in four.

Roman Starr, Oklahoma Indian, whipped Kid Lester, local Negro, in a rough ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. For two rounds Lester stood still and slugged it out with the tattooed Oklahoman, but, starting with the third heat, the colored Kid commenced backpedaling. Lester was best at the in-close milling, but Starr forced the setto all the way and the Kid made a running fight of it.

In other bouts, Rusty Payne of San Diego won over George Henry of New York, in the six-round semi. Payne won the first four rounds handily, but ran out of gas, and Henry came on to cop the last two heats. Gil Napier won three rounds over Vic Asebeda, flooring him twice, but received only a draw when Asebeda took the 4th heat with a rally. Ice Cream Williams decisioned Young McGovern in four.

Mike McNulty's second offering at the Wilmington Bowl turned out badly when one of the principals was forced to retire after only one round of action, due to an injured hand. Sailor Al

Morey of San Diego was the boxer to complain of a busted knuckle. Jerry Moore, New York Negro, was his opponent and the winner on a 1st round T.K.O.

Dave Hernandez and Mickey McCoy slugged to a six-round draw in the semi. The three remaining prelims all ended in early kayoes. Benny Robello disposed of Jimmy Bettles in two; Bobby Taylor chilled Cecil Thomas in two; Tiny Thomas stiffened Jimmy Pierce in two.

There had been but thirty-five minutes of ring action. The fans sure must have felt empty filing out of the arena at that time of night.

Joe Barnum, 144, Culver City, surprised by decisively winning over Nick Moran, 138, Mexico, in one-half of a double 10-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. This rematch was nothing like their first exciting bout. There was little action in the first six rounds, but, in the 7th there were some fireworks, with Barnum having much the better of the fighting. Joe continued to rough Moran up in the 8th, and had a shade the best of the final two rounds, to hand the Mexican boy his first setback.

In the other 10-rounder, Jumping Joe Keyes, 143, Texas, was awarded an unpopular decision over Ike Blair, 146, El Centro. Keyes forced the fighting, but missed more blows than he landed, and most of the crowd thought that Blair rated a draw because of landing the cleaner punches.

The prelims were abbreviated affairs, Sailor Johnny Harrison, 178, K.O.'ed Robert Taylor, 175, in the second; Gene Ronstead, 148, stopped Earl Howard, 149, in two; Edgar Robinson, 158, won by T.K.O. over Bob Brown, 160, in the first.

Gene Johnson, 140, New York Negro, exploded a terrific right on the jaw of Jorge Morelia, 138, Mexico, to stiffen the Mexican veteran in the 8th round of their scheduled ten at the Ocean Park Arena. For six rounds Morelia had been giving Johnson a lacing, but the colored battler opened the 7th with a vengeance and kept up this two-fisted attack until he packed the right that ended the evening for the clever Latin.

Other results: Bernie Cardenas, 161, decisioned Russell Metcalf, 173, in four; Harry Cole, 132, won over Joey Savidan, 137, in four; Tino Perez, 131, nodded Pete Martinez, 129; Bobby Taylor, 138, scored a T.K.O. over Frenchie Savidan, 135, in the second round of the semi.

The thing that Hamlet smelled in Denmark hovered over the Hollywood Stadium during the contest (?) between Carlos Malacara of Mexico, and Jerry Moore of New York. Thanks to Referee Abe Roth, the affair didn't end as the script might have called for. The performance on the part of Malacara indicated that he wanted to lose the fight, in one way or another. The Mexican is really a toughie when it comes to absorbing punishment, yet, he went down in the second round from a light tap, in fact, the referee says that that powder-puff blow didn't even land, and he commanded Malacara to his feet, instead of counting over Carlos.

During the rest period, Gus Wilson, who manages the Mexican fighter in his Coast bouts, slapped Malacara's face and berated him for his actions, but Carlos was not greatly impressed by Wilson's rebuff, for, his efforts in the third still showed that he had no intention of harming Mrs. Moore's son. It was then that Roth halted the fiasco and called both boxers and their managers to the center of the ring and threatened to "throw them out" and recommend their suspension unless they started to fight. This warning got under Malacara's skin and he really started to lambast Moore. It was a real contest for the next few rounds, with the Mexican having the best of it, but both appeared to lose interest again toward the end and Roth again warned them in the 9th to put more effort into it.

The bout was declared a draw, as the referee and both judges had three entirely different versions of it. Each weighed 141.

In the semi, Shamus O'Brien, 176, New York, had to dump O.-C. Loftus, 178, Los Angeles Negro, six times before he would stay put. Loftus was counted out in the final seconds of the second round. (In case the reader is picturing O'Brien as a red-headed Irishman, be advised that Shamus is really a colored gentleman, direct from Harlem.)

In the four-rounders, Joey Savidan, 134, won over Al Miller, 131, by T.K.O. in the fourth; Henry Carillo, 141, and Don Cox, 140, fought a draw; Eddie Dyer, 160, defeated Willie Collins, 160; Ralph Lara, 123, decisioned Sam Andrade, 124.

Al Jordan, 192, Chicago, decisioned Bob Smith, 186, Pittsburgh, in a rousing 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Smith was the best at inclose fighting, but Jordan, a smart boxer, was able to keep out of clinches and outpoint the Pittsburgher at long range. The battle see-sawed throughout, first one, then the other, having an advantage. The tiff was fairly even at the end of the 9th, and they slugged it out in the final round, with Jordan having a bit the best of the exchanges, but, the Chicagoan received a bad cut over the eye, along with the decision.

In supporting bouts, Joe Mack, hard-punching lightheavy of San Diego, won by T.K.O. over Bill Shead. The bell came to the rescue of Shead in the second, but he was unable to come out for the third; Jack Lindley stopped Lonnie Davis in the third; Jack Fernandez decisioned Ice Cream Williams in a four-rounder.

Tommy Hurst, after receiving a terrific beating for two rounds from Joe Joy, collapsed in the third, immediately after Referee Joe Stone had stopped the one-sided contest. Hurst was later removed to a hospital, where it was announced that he had suffered a basal skull fracture. He never regained consciousness and died two days later.

The colorful Sgt. Gaston Miller of Washington, D. C., who is now stationed at the Yuma Air Field, returned to local ring wars in a clash with Jimmy Wilson, of San Bernardino, in a scheduled 10-rounder at the Wilmington Bowl. A potent punch is still a part of the Sergeant's fighting equipment, and he put Wilson among the daisies in the 8th, after flooring his colored opponent seven times prior to the kayo. Miller tipped the scale at 168, Wilson at 172.

In the prelims, Teddy Guerrero stopped Lou Bland in the fifth; Benny Robello decisioned Frankie Antuna; Don Cox eliminated Frank Martinez in the second, and Louie Joe drew with Joe Zamprelli.

Shamus O'Brien, 175, New York, pounded out a T.K.O. win over Willie Johnson, 170, Los Angeles, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena.

In other bouts, Dave Hernandez, 126, decisioned Frenchie Savidan, 133, in six; Bob Spicer, 142, defeated Mike Smitkowski, 135, in four; Joey Savidan, 137, K.O.'ed Rudy Esparza, 143, in two; Jackie Cooper, 155, stopped Henry Grayson, 152, in the second.

CALIFORNIA RATINGS
By Harry E. Winkler

Heavyweights—Turkey Thompson, Pat Valentino, Elmer Ray, Al Jordan, Clayton Worlds, Connie Norden, Bob Smith, Paul Hartnek, Harold Blackshear, Odell Polee.

Light-heavyweights—Jack Coggins, Watson Jones, Red Niebert, Jerry Goldberg, Shamus O'Brien, Babe Edwards, Acey Haynesworth, Tommy Garland, Sgt. Gaston Miller (California), Johnny Mattero (San Francisco).

Middleweights—Jack Chase, Lloyd Marshall, Archie Moore, Aaron (Tiger) Wade, Eddie Booker, Costello Cruz, Paul Lewis, Kenny LaSalle, Jimmy Coleman, Kenny Watkins.

Welterweights—Jackie Wilson, Earl Turner, Rudolfo Ramirez, Billy Morris, Carlos Malacara, Cecil Hudson, Jimmy Garrison, Lige Drew, Sheik Rangel, Jerry Moore.

Lightweights—Ray Lunny, Slugger White, Juan Zurita, John Thomas, Jimmy Doyle, Julio Jiminez, Pedro Ortega, Lupe Gonzales, Aldo Spoldi, Al Citrino.

Featherweights—Carlos Chavez, Al Medrano, Jimmy McAllister, Baby Gonzales, Enrique Bolanos, Victor Flores, Chuey Figueroa, Eloy Renteria, Kent Martinez, Eli Golindo.

Bantamweights—Manuel Ortiz, Benny Goldberg, Tony Olivera, Ernesto Aquilar, Leonardo Lopez, Joe Robleto, George Ybarra, Elwood Romero, Paul Guerrero, Ceferino Robleto.

Flyweights—None worthy of mention.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

HARRY TEANEY, Cleveland 138-pounder, handed Al Gomez, South Side 134-pounder, a larruping in a ten-round Marigold headliner. For the first five rounds, Gomez made the fight. From the sixth round on, Harry, in perfect condition, opened up on the swarthy South Sider and won the bout.

In the semi-windup of six rounds, Robert Simmons, Indianapolis, Ind., 146½-pounder, won handily over Isadore Miner, Negro. Simmons' speed and fast punching garnered for him the award.

Charley Wells surprised the Marigold partisans with his clean-cut five-round win over the highly-touted Berry Wright, Cleveland 144-pounder. Wells came in at 152½.

Gene Simmons, brother of the sharp-shooting Robert Simmons, battered Mickey McKinnes, St. Charles, Ill., 159-pounder, to win the unanimous verdict in another five-rounder.

In the opening fray, Don Callahan, St. Paul, Minn., 166 pounds, outboxed and outpunched Mike Edwards in a spirited five-rounder.

Jimmy Reeves, classy Cleveland, O., light-heavyweight, won an eight-rounder from Otis McGraw, lanky Negro puncher from Detroit.

Isadore Miner, 149, and Bill Grier, 146, Detroit, fought a savage six-round encounter. In round one, Miner put Grier down twice. The bout ended in a draw.

Eddie Taylor, unknown Detroit 176-pounder, administered a sound lacing to Don Callahan (nee Espensen) in a six-round tiff. In the second stanza, Taylor caught Callahan flush to the chin with a right that spilled the Minnesotan for the count of nine. There wasn't any question as to Taylor's victory.

In another six-rounder, Arthur McWhorter, Gary, protege of Harry Green, won over Eddie Sarkesian.

In the opening joust, Pete Bolos, Detroit 130-pounder, beat a tattoo on Willie Moon's body for a well-deserved decision. Moon is a Catholic Youth Organization product. His weight was 127 pounds.

Chalky Wright, crack featherweight and former champion, can still punch with the best of them. He stopped Al Reasoner, Chicago lightweight, at New Orleans, La., in two rounds.

Al Jordan, a former Chicago Golden Gloves winner, fought Bob Smith, Pittsburgh heavyweight, at San Diego, Calif., and won at the end of ten hectic rounds.

Sgt. Lou Woods, whose home is Detroit, Mich., scored a T.K.O. over Charley Wells in the eighth and final round of their bout. Woods gained an early lead during the first three rounds, scoring often with a stinging right hand. During the next two rounds, Wells managed to aggravate an old eye injury of Woods. The final round—the eighth—Woods went all out and battered Wells into helplessness, with the referee intervening. Woods weighed 152 and Wells, of Gary, 151 pounds.

The surprise of the card was James Fitzjames, Canton, O., 177½-pounder's comparative easy victory over huge Lindy Elliott, who tipped the beam at a mere 207 pounds. Fitzjames connected with an overhand right-hand swing to Lindy's jaw that dumped the ponderous Negro to the canvas. Elliott beat the count, but absorbed a terrific pasting. The Canton clouter, Fitzjames, mixed up his counter blows with precision and regularity, cutting the former New Yorker's mouth severely and raising mouses under both of Lindy's eyes. This went the scheduled eight rounds.

Don Callahan, St. Paul 159½-pounder, had things his own way over Jesse Jackson, who scaled 170. This was Don's second victory over Jackson, this time over the six-round route.

Pvt. Georgie Adams of Camp Claybourne managed to get sufficient time off in order to make a Marigold appearance and defeat Ace Coleman in a spirited six-rounder. Adams weighed 123½ pounds. Ace, a Chicagoan, weighed 131.

Vic Soyko, West Allis, Wis., 138 pounds, bounced Berlin Hadnot to the canvas five times before he put the Chicagoan away for keeps in the fourth round.

Jimmy Joyce, Gary, Ind., 131½, lost an eight-round decision to Roy Lewis, Muncie, Ind., 136-pounder, who fights from a southpaw stance. They clashed in a return bout and this time Joyce scored a kayo. In a vicious exchange in the fourth canto, Jimmy uncorked a neat left hook to the body, followed by a right uppercut and Lewis stumbled to a neutral corner, half-crumpled up. The Hoosier boy was out on his feet. His back was turned to Joyce and Jimmy leveled off. Referee Davey Miller realized the situation and waved Joyce to his corner in token of victory.

Bill Parsons, Danville, Ill., 143-pounder, took the starch out of Isadore Miner, 150¼, Chicago, in the six-round semi.

Don Callahan, 160, Minneapolis, made it two straight over the ever-trying Mike (Sherman) Edwards, 161½, Chicago.

Arthur McWhorter, 172½, Gary, stowed away Roberto Solmito, 207-pound Puerto Rican, in round three.

In the opening fracas, Joe Law and Willie Moon, Chicagoans, weighing 126 and 127, respectively, fought six rounds to a standstill.

Pfc. Johnny D. Trotter, Co. A, 385th Eng., A.P.O. 763, c/o Postmaster, New York City. Trotter wanted to know if he could gain mention in my RING column. I should say he is entitled to space here. Johnny is the brother of Orlando, who was a pretty fair fighter. Trotter, a light-heavyweight, fought Johnny Colan and Nate Bolden, which speaks well for his ring talent. Johnny is overseas.

Pfc. Wm. Nilke, who fought under the name of Billy Adams, a former Golden Gloves winner, is a member of the U. S. Navy in California. Adams is an Irish lad who had an enviable amateur record, winning 73 out of 78 matches. Keep in touch with me, Billy.

Richard Rigali, crack featherweight protege of Jess Darcy, is in the U. S. Navy. Richy was one of the fortunate survivors when his boat was sunk in the Solomons.

Joey Sulick, 148¾, New York, won a scorching ten-round encounter from Robert Simmons, Indianapolis, Ind., 147-pounder. Sulick started out early with a swift moving body attack and kept going.

Willie Moon, 127, Chicago, was too fast for Pete Bolos, 125½, Detroit, though Bolos was the stronger of the two. They clashed in a five-rounder.

Gene Simmons, brother of Robert, weighing 164½, won from Al Clark, another Detroiter.

In a five-round bout, Isadore Miner made another one of his many Marigold preliminary appearances. This time he opposed Mickey Austin of Detroit. Miner dropped Austin once in the second and twice in the third, and won the mill.

Jimmy Liddell, Sonny Wallace's protege, scored a one-round kayo over Berlin Hadnot in the opening contest.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS
By ROBERT VALLI

ON November 1 Jerry Moore, New York lightweight, won an easy 10-round decision over Lupe Gonzales, Los Angeles Mexican lightweight, at the Coliseum Bowl. Moore took nine out of the 10 rounds. Moore, making his debut in San Francisco, made a hit with the fans. He weighed 138½ and Gonzales 137.

In the supporting bouts Billy Thomas lost to Harold Hazlett in four; Tommy Campbell and Blue Boy drew in four. Leon Green knocked out Oscar Johnson in three. Billy O'Leary finished Willie Julian.

At the Oakland Auditorium Paul Hartnek won a 10-round decision over Martin Goldberg. It was Hartnek's third win over a Goldberg. He twice defeated Martin's brother, Jerry, who had previously nodded him. The fight was slow at first but from the sixth on Goldberg received punishment, mainly in the final three. Weights were: Hartnek 186, Goldberg 189. Results of the preliminaries: Top Row Allen, 151, decisioned Bobby Berger, 150, in the sixth round of the semi-windup; Eddie Halligan, 147, easily won from Eddie Cerda, 149, in six and Lincoln Stanley, 142, and Al Walker, 145, drew in six.

At San Jose: Matchmaker Mason Griffin featured a 10-rounder which Al Spencer, 138, San Francisco, won in five rounds by a T.K.O. over Jorge Morelia, 136, Mexico City. Morelia received a deep gash over the left eye, which made the referee stop the fight. Jimmy Brooks, Los Angeles, and Bobby Castro, Hamilton Field soldier, drew in six. Each weighed 160.

At National Hall: Kenny Watkins, a little 159-pound Negro from Los Angeles, won an easy 10-round decision over 18-year-old 170-pound Jackie Burke. Burke had a little edge in the first round and won the ninth, but otherwise it was all Watkins. In the fours: Gene Thomas knocked out Ralph Sorenson in the first. Thomas fought again but was unsuccessful because he dropped the nod to Pete Romero. Jackie Ryan and Al Douglas drew and Billy O'Leary kayoed Robert Reed in the third.

One of the biggest crowds to attend Civic Auditorium saw a 15 rounds match for the state middleweight title between Jack Chase and Lloyd Marshall. The two judges' and referee's verdicts added up to a draw. The first went to Marshall as he put Chase on the floor for a no count. Marshall kept on slugging in the second and finally nailed him with a left and a right flush on the jaw. Chase got up at the count of nine. It seemed Marshall all the way but in the seventh round Chase came back fighting great, just like the champion he is, and in the fourteenth Chase put Marshall down for a nine count. Frankie Brown gave the nod to Chase. Judge Frankie Carter gave it a draw and Judge John Latsey gave it to Marshall. Marshall weighed 159½ and Chase 158½.

In the supporting bouts: Jack Lindley stopped Tommy Campbell in the sixth. Jimmy Brooks stopped Richie Bonsell in the third and Buddy Millard decisioned Hal Hazlett.

At the Oakland Auditorium: Paul Lewis, Oakland Negro, came through with a 10-round rematch decision over Kenny LaSalle. Lewis won the first, second, third and fourth rounds by a good margin. LaSalle won the fifth round by a very close margin. Lewis came back to take the next four rounds and LaSalle took the last.

In the preliminaries: Ross Romero stopped Gene Thomas in the second round. Leroy Wade knocked out Leno Meza in one. Dave Bungo decisioned Joe Eldridge in four, Jackie Ryan T.K.O.'ed George Ybarra in four and Rusty Lares kayoed Bobby Richards.

Aaron (Little Tiger) Wade, San Francisco Negro middleweight, kayoed Eddie Guerra of the Bronx in the first at the Coliseum Bowl. Guerra was down twice for the KO.

In another 10 Eddie Hudson fought Jorge Morelia, who subbed for Esparza. They fought a fast fight until the eighth when a butt opened a cut over the Mexican's eye. Joe Gorman halted the affair but instead of calling it a draw, because Morelia was ahead at the time, gave it to Hudson. They are lightweights.

At the Oakland Auditorium: Big Ben Morosz, the biggest boxer in the world, threw a right hand to Jack Scott's heart and Scott hit the canvas and was knocked out. The end came in the second. The Philadelphia giant took a lot of punishment before he won. Weights: Morosz 270, Scott 238.

In the semi-finals: Al Wore, Oakland, weighing 238 pounds, beat Gene Felton, 188, a Los Angeles Negro, in eight. The Negro was down on the canvas often. Other results: Bobby Gray, 131, won by a decision over Pete Romero, 136, in six and Joey Reyes, 128, and Rusty Lares, 128, fought to a draw.

At the Civic Auditorium: Eddie Booker, 164, San Francisco Negro, was a 2 to 1 favorite over Holman Williams, 159, Detroit Negro. Williams won the nod by jolting lefts and rights that were not hard but bothering. Booker forced the fighting, but as he came in, Williams threw left jabs and right crosses. It was Promoter Frankie Scaler's first show at the Civic Auditorium.

In the under card, Eddie Cerda, a Mexican clown, decisioned Leroy Wade, San Francisco middleweight, in six. George Duke, welterweight from Petaluma, won from Bobby Garcia, who was previously undefeated. In the opening six Preston Hodges won over "Big Tiger" Wade. Wade was on the canvas three times.

At the Oakland Auditorium: Paul Hartnek, Omaha heavyweight, decisioned young George Millich, brother of "Newsboy" Millich. It was Millich's tenth pro fight and he gave an excellent performance. In the semi-windup, Bobby Berger, middleweight, decisioned Leroy Wade in six and Willie Calhoun nodded Lincoln Stanley. They are lightweights.

On November 26 at National Hall: Paulie Peters won via the T.K.O. route over a game Negro middleweight of Tommy Cello's stable—Top Row Allen. Peters wins and wins matches at the hall. Allen injured his hand in the fourth but because of his gameness continued and was stopped before the round ended.

In the semi Buddy O'Dell had 15 pounds to nod Leroy Wade.

The fours: Leo Green knocked out Preston Hodges in two and Jim Allen put Sammy Drew away in one.

The promoters give way to the amateurs here in San Francisco for two weeks. The bouts will be held on two Mondays and two Fridays, which are the nights the Coliseum Bowl and National Hall are opened, but because of the amateurs they will be darkened. There are 130 entries for the *Examiner* Golden Gloves tournament.

At Oakland Auditorium: Paul Lewis, brother of John Henry Lewis, ex-light-heavyweight champion, won a very easy 10-round decision over very game Saverio Turiello, New York Italian. Turiello was on the canvas in the closing seconds of the ninth round for the only knockdown of the fight though Lewis hit him with everything. Weights were: Turiello, 153, Lewis, 155.

In the preliminaries: Buddy Millard, 175, won via the T.K.O. route over highly touted Frankie Nelson, 165, of the East in the eighth round. Nelson was formerly rated among the first 10 middleweight boxers in the ring. Millard, a new boxer, looked very good.

Willie Irvin, 156, stopped Preston Hodges, 158, in one. Gene Thomas, 142, decisioned Pete Romero, 137, in four. Bobby Richards won over Joey Reyes, 130, in four rounds.

Freddie Cochrane, welterweight champ, is stationed at Treasure Island.

Paulie Peters lost to Jimmy Brooks because of low punching at San Jose.

Sheik Rangel knocked out Leroy Wade in the ninth at Fresno.

Jimmy Brooks upset the dope when he beat Van McNutt at San Jose.

BALTIMORE, MD., FISTIC FARE
By NATE PHILLIPS

THE Century Club saw Jimmy Collins and Al Guido in the feature attraction of ten rounds before a fairly packed house. Jimmy, making his first start since being honorably discharged from the Army, was a one to three underdog before hostilities got under way, but this didn't seem to bother him as he went right to work on his much-favored foe, and for eight rounds gave Al a good going over, with his left always finding a mark on the ever trying Guido, who couldn't keep out of the way of Jimmy's stinging left.

The last two rounds saw Jimmy slow up somewhat, with Al having his innings in the ninth and last, but by this time Jimmy was too far out in front for Al to catch up with him, and the unanimous verdict went to Collins.

The semi-final set for eight rounds saw Sergt. Tarzan Roy win by a T.K.O. over Stoney Lewis in the third, when Stoney suffered such a severe gash over his left eye that the referee ordered the fight stopped.

In the six rounder Tarzan's stablemate, Sergt. Ellis Stewart pounded out a unanimous decision over Al Lopez. In another six Georgie Farrell won over Eddie Davis in a slugfest, and in the opening four, Young Lee Q. Murray won his first pro, over Joey Longo.

The Century Club trotted out heavyweights the following week with Buddy Walker and Joe Baksi in the main go set for twelve rounds. In the first, a hard right opened a cut under Joe's eye with Buddy boxing beautifully to win the round. The second saw Joe even up the score when he landed hard rights to Buddy's midsection which made Buddy grunt. In the third, Buddy again took command when he landed some telling blows to Joe's midriff, mixing this up with several good shots to Joe's jaw. Joe took the fourth round when he dropped Buddy for a count of eight just as the bell sounded.

At the start of the fifth, Joe tore into his still wobbly foe, and down went Buddy to be counted out in the first minute of the fifth round. In the sixes, Charlie Crump pounded out a good win over Arthur LaFrance, and Sergt. Ellis Stewart and Johnny Finazzo put on a war of their own, throwing science to the winds, with everything going, no holds barred, and at the end Stewart was declared the winner. Twice during this fight these boys continued to fight after the bell had sounded ending the round.

In fours, Joey Longo evened up his score when he won over Young Lee Q. Murray. Johnny Ditto and Tiger Fox hooked up for the third time, and in this John was declared the winner. Carrington McNutt got up off the deck in the first and went on to win over Johnny Walker. This show paid off on close to six thousand dollars.

Hatchetman Curtis Sheppard and Clent (The Ghost) Conway engaged in the main go set for ten rounds before a capacity house that paid close to seven thousand dollars to witness this affair. But those that took a stretch during intermission, and didn't return to their seats to watch the first round, were somewhat disappointed for at the start of that session, a hard right sent Clent down for a two count. Another had him down for seven. Another right sent him down for no count, and the final blow finished him off for keeps. All took place in the first round.

The semi-final of six rounds saw two service men hook up in a slugfest, Charlie Crump of The U. S. Coast Guard and Sergt. Tarzan Roy of the U. S. Army. An accidental butt by Crump in the fifth round which was taken away from him by the referee cost him the duke, although the verdict was a draw.

In another six, Johnny Ditto stopped Eddie Davis in the third. In fours, Lorenzo Jill stopped August Swope in the second, Jerome Pratt decisioned Kid Lewis and Joe O'Connell won over Johnny Walker.

IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER
By HARRY MANSBACH

WILLIE CHEATUM'S stiff left jab overcame Ernie (Cat) Robinson's fruitless efforts in Laurel Garden's feature eight-rounder with the Newarker beating his Jamaica opponent. Cheatum won six of the eight rounds. The Newarker led all the way. Cheatum weighed 138¾, Robinson 146.

Another scheduled eight was halted in the fourth by Referee Tommie Elm who called the bout between Zack Taylor, 132½, N. Y., and Walter Lewis, 126, Brooklyn, no contest. Bob Mann, 145, Trenton, technically stopped Bobby Jones, 150½, Coast Guard, in the third round of a six. Lindy Miller, 118½, Charleston, S. C., kayoed Young Benny Leonard, 115½, Brooklyn, in the first. Charles Lewis, 126, Brooklyn, technically kayoed John Gebert, 126, Freeport, L. I., in the second frame of an eight.

Another sign of increased interest in boxing lies in the fact that a group of men are seriously considering opening a club in Passaic. Coupled with the news that the Trenton Arena is due to reopen soon, with Billy Brown as matchmaker, the trend seems to point toward greater popularity in a sport which was regarded as facing immediate extinction after Pearl Harbor.

Freddie Russo, 129½, Rahway, outpointed Frankie Leta, 132, Irvington, in the feature bout at Scott Hall, Elizabeth, and this time the fans concurred with the decision. Four weeks ago in a meeting of the two, the award of the decision to Russo was highly unpopular with the crowd. The Rahway battler turned in his seventeenth fight without defeat. Leta's loss and the one suffered in his first contest with Russo are the only two defeats for him in 20 professional fights.

Frankie Bove, 133, Newark, and Joey Gatto, 132, N. Y., battled it out to a draw. Joe Jackson, 167, Jamaica, N. Y., knocked out Leon Anthony, 160, N. Y., in 1:22 of the third. In fours Abe Goldberg, 129, Brooklyn, took the decision over Leo Ross, 122, Coney Island, and Verne Atkins, 150, Newark, scored a technical knockout of Johnny Assay, 146, Asbury Park, in 1:32 of the third.

This writer has compiled a complete listing of all New Jersey promoters, matchmakers, fight clubs, wrestling clubs, and their addresses and locations. Send twenty-five cents in coin or stamps and self-addressed envelope for list to Harry Mansbach, 37 Arlington St., Newark, N. J. Boxers who are willing to show around Jersey and Metropolitan New York and have no managerial ties, can contact same address. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope and previous record.

Tony Riccio, 148, Bayonne, received an eight-round decision over Danny Martin, 147, Newark, in the feature bout of a program at Laurel Garden, Newark. Riccio's aggressiveness and cleaner hitting decided the battle in his favor. Several weeks previously Riccio and Martin fought to a draw.

Pvt. Gib Jones, 175½, Port Newark, outpointed Charley Jones, 169, New York, in another eight-round contest. Nick Restano, 141, Newark, and Johnny Morrow, 145, Elizabeth, went four rounds to a draw, and in another scheduled four-rounder Bobby McKenzie, 158, Bayonne, knocked out Harold Moses, 154½, Newark, in 2:46 of the first heat. Moses was down for the count of nine before the finish.

Pvt. Max Fisher, former contender for the world's lightweight championship, two-time winner over Freddie (Red) Cochrane, is stationed as a boxing instructor at Hunter Field, Ga. One time lightweight champion of New Jersey, Maxie engaged in over 100 bouts from 1930 to 1941. Among the topnotch fighters that he has fought are Freddie Miller, Tippy Larkin (four times), Pete Scalzo, Mike Belloise, Willie Joyce, Enrico Venturi, Billy Beauhuld and Billy Maher, all prominent names in the field of fisticuffs.

Johnny Brown, 152½, New York, won on a technical knockout in the fourth round with Bob Wade, 157½, Newark, at Scott Hall, Elizabeth. The bout was stopped because of a cut over Wade's left eye.

In another scheduled six-rounder Jerry Coursol, 136, Valley Stream, L. I., kayoed Charles Jeffries, 132, New York, in 1:32 of the first round. Coursol had Jeffries down three times before he took the final count.

In the third six-rounder, Doug Carter, 140½, Newark, outpointed Erwin Soloway, 132½, Chicago. In three four-rounders, Zinnie Martin, 134, New York, decisioned Ike Roland, 130, Union; Sonny Doran, 135, Brooklyn, knocked out Dave Horn, 131½, Newark, in 2:16 of the first round, and Cliff Edward, 126, New York, flattened Pedro Garcia, 126, New York, in 1:18 of the second.

Bill McDowell, 158, Paterson, outpunched and outpointed Jerry Fiorello, 158, Brooklyn, in the eight-round main bout at Mason Auditorium, Highland Park, N. J. McDowell, whose quick left hook was too much for his opponent, opened a cut over Fiorello's left eye in the seventh. In a six-rounder, Fred Schott, 208, won on a technical knockout over Algy Wright, 186, New York, in the second. In other sixes, Jimmy Pell, 134, New York, knocked out Rudy Riviera, 132, Puerto Rico, in the second round, and Rocco Progano, 126, Stamford, Conn., outpointed Charley Cole, 131, Trenton. In a four-round bout, Bob Simmons, 162½, Dayton, defeated Herbie Kinsey, 163, Trenton.

Carmine Fatta of New York defeated Sammy Williams, also of New York, in the feature eight-rounder on the opening program at Trenton Arena. In other eights, Solomon Stewart beat Leroy Saunders, and Jeff Holloway trimmed Bobby Henry, all of New York. The opening four-rounders between Wally Hill and Melville Williams and Bobby Kirk and Leroy Ross were declared draws. State Boxing Commissioner John Hall attended the show, which saw Bill Brown of New York make his debut as local matchmaker.

Marine Herb Brydon, 148, West Orange, chalked up his 30th consecutive victory and scored his 15th knockout when he dropped Jimmy Morrison, 151, Newark, in 57 seconds of the second stanza of their six-round main bout at Scott Hall, Elizabeth. Freddie Russo, 130, Rahway, kept his undefeated record in 18 matches intact by outpointing Rocky Progano, 127, New Haven, in their six-rounder. In another six, Frankie Leta, 132½, Irvington, defeated Bill Cummings, 138, Newark, by a technical knockout in 1:42 of the third. Three four-rounders completed the program.

The rebirth of boxing in Trenton springs from four shows sponsored this year by a patriotic organization of that city for the benefit of war charities. Three of the shows were composed of matches between professionals and soldier boxers from Fort Dix and elsewhere. The other consisted of team bouts between service glove-throwers. The winner of each contest received a $25 War Bond; the loser $15 in War Stamps. The sponsors not only turned over the gate receipts of each show, less state and Federal taxes, to various war agencies, but also footed the cost of the Bonds and Stamps given to the competing boxers. Shortly after these shows, professional fisticuffing was resumed at the historic Arena in Trenton. The turnout was so encouraging that now weekly programs are planned there, with Billy Brown serving as matchmaker of the operating club.

Tony Riccio, Bayonne welterweight, decisively outpointed Harry Gary of New York in the feature bout at Laurel Garden, winning every round on Referee Allie Ridgeway's score card of eight innings. Gary threw punches seldom and was wild when he did; Riccio outpointed him easily. Riccio weighed 150½; Gary, 158½. The latter substituted for Jackie Patterson of Paterson. Benny Jeffries, 147½, New York, technically kayoed Julio Galucci, 146½, Hartford, in the seventh frame of an eight. A cut mouth sustained in the sixth, prevented Galucci from answering the bell for the seventh. Gib Jones, 177½, drew with Benny Deathpaine, 172½, St. Louis, in a third eight. Joe Curcio, 146, Newark southpaw, drew with Coolidge Miller, 153½, Brooklyn, in the fourth eight.

Frankie Leta, 132, Irvington, won by a technical knockout over Charley Dayron, 129, New York, in 2:46 of the third round of their scheduled six-round bout at Scott Hall, Elizabeth. Dayron went down once in the second heat and four times in the third.

In other sixes, Danny Cox, 192½, New York, and Billy Sunday, 182, fought a draw, and Jerry Coursol, 139, Valley Stream, N. Y., decisioned Sammy Stigliano, 139, Bayonne. In fours, Gene Riley, 151, Jersey City, decisioned Verne Atkins, 150, New York; Jack Leslie, 130, Valley Stream, outpointed Ike Roland, Union, and Frankie Daniels, 140, Merrick, N. Y., won the decision over Tommy Hansley, 136, Brooklyn, N. Y.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

THE writer has joined Harry Stone in the only boxing gym in Springfield, Mass. It will now be known as the Springfield Gym, located on Main Street, opposite the Paramount Theatre. Harry Stone developed the Jessup boys there, and it is the same gym where Beau Jack received most of his teaching in the manly art. Joe O'Brien taught Jack to throw uppercuts and follow with short overhand hooks. This has been Jack's main attack ever since.

Jerry Maloni also trained there for a time, but trained elsewhere for his last fight and lost the duke. While a regular member of the gym, he won nearly all his fights.

Jimmy Kimball, who, I mentioned in the last issue, boxed a main bout the first time in a ring, tells me he also fought two fights one night. He boxed O'Berti Curri a draw of six rounds in Elizabeth, N. J., and then drove to Jersey City and won over Frank Dody in eight rounds. This was in 1933.

Bob Gray, who started as an amateur in Springfield, writes that he is in the Navy finals. Gray is a featherweight . . . . Eddie Meinka is in Tennessee . . . . Tommy Jessup is at the Great Lakes Training Station.

Phil Quillan is making his home in Springfield, Mass. Quillan has fought all over the United States and is still able to give most of the lightweights trouble. He can be reached through the writer at 50 Carlton Ave., Chicopee Falls, Mass., or at the Springfield Gym, Main St., Springfield.

Battling Allen: Some time ago you wrote me about a middleweight, but did not mention his name. I might be able to do something for him now. I would like to have Allen send the name and record.

Sam Silverman is a busy man these days. He is matchmaker in four cities—Worcester, Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton, Mass. Sam Price is the promoter. Dave Cashman and Price promote at Providence, R. I.

Fighters without strings should get in touch with the writer, as there is plenty of action around New England now. Hartford, New Britain, New Haven and New London, Conn., are running weekly shows. Also Holyoke, Worcester, Taunton, Fall River, New Bedford, Boston, Mass., Providence, R. I., and Portland, Bath and Bangor, Me. All these places are live boxing towns and are drawing good gates.

Former lightweight Tommy Dunn is busy these days. He is working at the Springfield, Mass., Post Office.

THE RING is gaining in popularity around here. All the newsstands have it on sale. Boxers should get THE RING Record Book. It will give them the records of most of the good fighters of the present as well as the old-timers.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By JUANITA YEARGAIN

JUST missing this issue is one of the most interesting fight card line-ups of the season between Oklahoma City and Kansas City at the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo.

Indian schools and colleges of Oklahoma are represented in the Oklahoma City team, including Anadarko, Riverside and Ft. Sill, Cameron Aggies and Oklahoma A. and M.

BOXING NOTES—Royal Martin, city recreation welterweight champ, is reported well on his way to recovery from a recurrence of a back injury.

The new bowl setup for the fights in Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium is pleasing to the customers because of the compact quarters, providing intimacy that was lacking when the entire spacious hall was used. The hall is partitioned with the ring pitched near the north end, bringing the box seat holders, balcony and ringside fans closer to the boxers.

Eli Castro is assisting Charley Meyers with the North Side boys and Chester Ellis, the international champion Indian boy, is working with the youths at the Salvation Army. The North Side American Youth Club has added Jules Schneider, 1931 St. Louis amateur heavyweight champion, and Nick Ruggero, assistant coach at Municipal Boxing Club.

At Leeds A. C., Bud Jordan is instructor. Ray Sissom is in charge of the Lighton Recreation Center. Ned Driscoll and Vern Gregory are handling the talent at the Whatso-ever Boys' Club. Jordan (Bo) Davis has taken over Bubbles Klice's place as director of the Gateway A. C. All the directors have a boy or two who seem destined for the Golden Gloves.

Ray Augustus, 175-pound Topeka professional, chalked up his 23rd consecutive victory when he beat Jack Nelson, 200-pound Little Rock boxer, in Topeka, November 17, on a combination boxing-wrestling card staged by Mrs. Max Yeargain in Municipal Auditorium.

WRESTLING—"Prospector Pete" Sherman, now Cpl. Sherman of the U. S. Air Corps, was in Topeka recently on a short furlough, awaiting reassignment.

Chief Chewikie, back from action in the Southwest Pacific, is in charge of physical fitness at Norman, Okla. The Chief was a great mat attraction several years ago in this section of the country.

Carlos Rodriquez, colorful Mexican heavyweight, is in naval training at Farragut, where he hopes to make the grade as instructor in judo and jiu jitsu.

The Swedish Angel and his manager, Jack Pfeffer, were boasting the newly won M.W.A. heavyweight crown December 3, after the Angel had won a decision over Orville Brown at Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kans. A rematch was made for the following week, but at this writing the champion is the Swedish Angel.

Sgt. Harry Cohen, senior instructor in charge of cadet physical training, Miami Beach, Fla., was in Kansas City recently on a two-day furlough and wrestled one Thursday night bout.

Wrestling houses in Topeka and Kansas City and vicinity have taken a big boom upward lately.

Send all news of interest to: Juanita Yeargain, 710 Monroe, Topeka, Kans.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

THE Royal Albert Hall, London, scene of so many boxing shows in the past, has once again opened its doors to the boxing fans, this time under the guiding influence of Promoter Jack Cappell, and Matchmaker Jack Solomons, who in their second promotion at this venue served up a bill of fare that recaptured the atmosphere of several other well remembered shows at the world-famous Albert Hall.

Topping the bill was Ernie Roderick, British welterweight champion, who was paired with the colored Jamaican, Lefty "Satan" Flynn, over the ten-round course.

Flynn adopted a wait-and-see technique, and his method was justified when it was seen that he was gradually drawing ahead from the champ, who couldn't seem to fathom Flynn. Roderick received a rather nasty cut over his left eye, and also one under his left eye, which took him out of his stride. It was obvious at the end that the referee's decision would go to Flynn. It did.

The chief supporting bout brought together Al Robinson of Leeds and the R.A.F. and Al Delaney (Canadian Army), who has boxed in Britain before, and after an uninteresting contest, Delaney secured a points decision. There was nothing exciting about the bout, which seemed to run in spurts. Delaney was a clear winner.

In other bouts, Harry Silver of Clapton outpointed Ivor Thomas of Wales, and Mickey Jones (Southend) outpointed Cliff Morris (Wales).

Twice within three days the Royal Albert Hall, London, was the scene of big boxing, the second show, however, being an Army versus R.A.F. affair with both amateur and professional boxers taking part, and was staged by the I.S.B.A.

The main event featured world's flyweight champion Jackie Paterson of Scotland and the R.A.F., who was paired with L/Bdr. Jimmy Hayes of Leeds and Army, and Paterson secured an easy decision over the three-round course.

Aircraftman Ronnie Bissell stopped L/Cpl. J. Thomas, Army bantamweight champion, in three rounds.

Cyril Gallie (Army) outboxed and outpunched J. Smith (R.A.F.), stopping him in two rounds, after which the Army just forged ahead to win the evening.

Alf Brown (Army), cruiserweight A.B.A. champion, making his professional debut, scored a good win over Tommy Reddington (R.A.F.), the last round doing much to give Brown the verdict.

In other bouts, V. Shead (Army) outpointed G. Sutton (R.A.F.); J. Palmer (Army) outpointed R. Jacks (R.A.F.); J. Ryan (Army) beat J. McLean (R.A.F.); J. Hammond (Army) beat Dusty Welland (R.A.F.); R. Thomas (Army) beat I. Walker (R.A.F.); Ernie Shackleton (Army) beat S. Shackel (R.A.F.); M. Hart (R.A.F.) beat L. Fowler (R.A.F.).

Dave Crowley (Clerkenwell), ex-lightweight champion of Great Britain, defeated Jimmy Watson of Edinburgh in the sixth of a ten-round contest at Benny Huntman's promotion at Oxford Town Hall.

Watson was ruled out for an alleged low delivery, which disappointed the crowd, and no doubt they will meet again in a future tournament.

Billy Jones of Cymparc outpointed Harry Davis of Bethnal Green in the chief contest at Blackpool after a good bout.

Jack Powell of Markham met Des Jones of Tredegar in a twelve-round return contest, there having been some dissension from the crowd at their previous meeting when Powell received the decision.

The bout proceeded along pretty quiet lines, the only excitement coming when at the end of the third round Powell shot a right to the body which the referee adjudged to be low, and immediately disqualified Powell.

In the main supporting bout, Joe Josephs of Cardiff was awarded the decision over Roy Ball of Mamhilad.

Over six rounds, Ron Lewis of New Inn drew with Jimmy Eastup of Abergavenny.

At Central Hall, Derby, Tommy Jones of Derby was awarded a points win over Ted Barter (R.A.F.) after forcing the pace the whole of the ten rounds, and it was obvious at the end that the referee's decision would go to the local lad.

Ken Barrett scored a fully deserved win when he outpointed Wilf Parkin of Mansfield over eight rounds.

Tony Roberts of Canada and Alf Brailsford of Derby met over a scheduled eight-round course and the bout was full of thrills. First one and then the other lad took the lead, until Roberts gradually gained the upper hand and had Brailsford in a bad way in the fourth round. The referee then stopped the contest to save the local lad unnecessary punishment, and awarded the decision to the Canadian.

Over six rounds, Billy Bridgart of Derby beat Billy Crapper of Shirebrook on points.

Ivor Jones of Blaenavon, originally billed to meet Bryn Morris of Birmingham over twelve rounds at Pontypool, had to meet a substitute in Des Jones of Tredegar when Morris was unable to appear.

Des slowly took the lead from the Blaenavon lad, and at the final gong had done enough to merit the award. This is the only defeat ever sustained by Ivor Jones in his four years of boxing. The bout was exciting and interesting, and a return will surely pull the fans in.

Over eight rounds, Phil Freeman of Markham scored an easy win over Ron Cook of Nantyglo, when Cook was floored for three nine-counts during the sixth, and on rising from the last, the referee intervened as Cook was in no fit state to continue.

George Chaplin, the Walsall welterweight, made his first appearance at Pontypool Palais de Danse against Johnny Wear of Bournemouth in a twelve-round contest. Wear has been a popular performer at this venue, and he scored another win over an experienced ringster in the veteran Walsall man.

Johnny Best's Liverpool Stadium was again packed to the doors when he matched "Little" Joe Curran of Liverpool against Dennis Timoney of Glasgow, who has a good Scottish reputation among the leading flyweights.

The contest was to be over ten rounds, but the contest terminated at the end of the sixth, when Timoney was forced to retire with two damaged eyes.

The Scot had the better of the boxing at a distance, but Curran, once he had gotten the inside position, made his short body punches tell on the youngster from Glasgow, and he was wise to retire with both eyes damaged.

Results of other contests were as follows: Billy Barton of Liverpool and R.A.F. kayoed Boyo Burns of Bolton; Cyril Maudsley (Preston) kayoed Dennis Byrne (Ireland) in the first round; Jack Addison of Wolverhampton defeated Billy Hughes (Birkenhead) when the latter was ruled out in the fourth session; Peter Barrett (Wigan) outpointed Jack Llewellyn (Romney) over the eight-round route.

Tommy Davies, the smart featherweight from Nantyglo, scored a creditable win over Billy Jenkinson (Torquay) in the feature bout of eight rounds at Walsall.

Jenkinson tried hard to turn the tables, but to no avail, as the Welsh lad will beat more than will beat him. The form he showed in this contest proved his worth.

It was a pleasure to meet Mark Fannon from Boston, Mass., who before he donned the uniform of Uncle Sam was the New England correspondent for THE RING Magazine. The time we spent in London and discussion on our mutual friends in the U.S.A. were much enjoyed. We finished the day watching the show at the Royal Albert Hall on the occasion when Flynn defeated Ernie Roderick.

The press is eager to push the claims of Lefty Satan Flynn to meet Ernie Roderick for the Empire welterweight title, which will include the British title. It is about time colored boxers from British colonies, who have resided in Great Britain for the prescribed two years (as is allowed for white colonials), be allowed to box for the British titles. This colored bar should be done away with, and all people should be equal.

Peter Kane of Golbourne, former flyweight champion of the world, now serving in the R.A.F., defeated the Empire bantamweight champion, Jim Brady of Dundee, over the ten-round course at the Queensberry Club, London, in one of the most uninteresting and disappointing bouts I can recall within recent years.

Both lads began the bout by merely dancing around each other, poking out periodical left leads, until the large crowd began clapping in derision, and at the end of the fourth round the referee called the two lads together and asked them for a little action.

The contest thereupon livened up a little, but although both boys seemed to enter into the bout with a little more energy, somehow it still remained colorless.

The bout continued along these lines to the accompaniment of boos and catcalls from the crowd.

The last round produced the only excitement when Kane cut loose and shook Brady with a couple of rights to the jaw followed by a strong left hook. Kane failed to follow up this advantage and the bout ended with Kane receiving Referee C. B. Thomas' decision by a narrow margin.

The chief supporting bout ended in a disappointing manner also. Referee Tommy Little saw fit to disqualify Norman Lewis of Wales in the seventh round for persistent holding in his bout with Tommy Plowright of Nottingham.

The crowd took this in a very bad way and booed the decision for fully five minutes.

Lewis must be considered very unlucky to have lost in this unfortunate manner, for at the end, he was slightly ahead on points and had put Plowright down for a count in the first round.

In other bouts Jackie Robertson of Glasgow beat Harry Sewell of the Royal Navy who retired at the end of the fourth. Hervey Chenaud of the Fighting French Navy defeated Tommy Clegg of Stamford Hill who was disqualified in the second round.

Harry Hurst of Canada kayoed Laurie Buxton of Watford in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounds bout. Harry Davies of Bethnal Green beat Jimmy O'Brien of Sidmouth who was disqualified in the fifth of a scheduled eight rounds bout.

Hal Cartwright of Tipton and Bob Ramsay of Stepney put up a very good fight at Hornsey Town Hall, over the eight rounds course, with Cartwright receiving the referee's nod at the close.

Cartwright took the fight to Ramsay from the start and soon proved his superiority when he floored the Stepney lad in the second. Ramsay fought back strenuously but he didn't cause Cartwright any trouble until the last round when he cut the Tipton lad's eye. This somewhat handicapped Cartwright but he managed to pull out enough to keep in front and receive the decision.

Over six rounds Jack Beech of Bletchley defeated Art Elmore of Kettering. Jack Barr of Tolworth defeated Red Pullen of Wales. Jimmy Hughes of Watford beat Danny Neagle of Ireland on points.

Johnny Summers of Edinburgh was given a chance to win the Scottish flyweight title at Leith when he was matched with the holder, Hugh Cameron of Glasgow, over 15 rounds at Leith.

Summers won the contest but not the title, as at the weigh-in he was three ounces overweight. He was given an hour's grace to make the necessary weight but failed, and the title bout was abandoned. A non-title fight ratified.

Summers proved the better in this contest which was splendidly fought and full of thrills and was declared the winner at the end.

Jim Brady of Dundee, Empire bantamweight champion, met Frank Bonsor of Nottingham at Bristol and won in the fourth round when Bonsor retired with a badly damaged hand.

Jimmy Watson of Edinburgh defeated Tot Gillon of Liverpool in the sixth round when the referee intervened to save a game lad unnecessary punishment.

Jimmy Molloy, the hard hitting Liverpool welterweight now serving with the Mercantile Marine was extremely unlucky to be ruled out in the first round of a scheduled 10 rounds set-to at the Stadium, Liverpool, when he met George Bunter of West Hartlepool.

Molloy, who had made himself a big favorite at the Stadium by his hard hitting in previous contests, was ruled out for an alleged low delivery.

Franklin Glover, U. S. Army, won a great contest when he outpointed Billy Hughes of Birkenhead in the supporting bout over eight rounds.

Bobby Hinds of Barnsley won by a T.K.O. in the fourth of an eight rounds contest when Danny McCormack of Liverpool and Mercantile Marine received a badly cut eye.

Frankie Jackson of Hull won on points over Cyril Maudsley of Preston after eight rounds. Jackie Bird of Nottingham knocked out Johnny Cato of Fleetwood in the first stanza.

Johnny Best gave Jimmy Molloy another chance after his defeat by George Bunter, in a contest of 10 rounds when he matched him over the same distance against Harry Hurst of Montreal, now serving in the Canadian Army. The Stadium had its usual "full house" signs out and those lucky to get in to see this bout went away more than pleased with the fare served.

This was the second meeting between the two. Although the Canadian showed improved form Molloy managed to nose out a points win.

The last round seemed to be the deciding factor for after a hectic struggle it was anyone's contest. It must have been by the narrowest of margins that the referee decided Molloy was out in front.

The decision met with a mixed reception and no doubt Johnny Best will match them again. He is a certain house packer and will prove a darn good bout when they meet again.

Billy Barton of the R.A.F. and Liverpool was by a T.K.O. when he stopped Danny Mack of Liverpool in the fourth of an eight rounds contest. The latter retired with a badly cut eye at the end of the round.

Johnny Byron of St. Helens won over Bobby Hinds of Barnsley in the third of an eight round when the referee intervened in Byron's favor.

Johnny Malloy of St. Helens improves with each contest and he boxed and punched well to stop Don Williams of Wales in the second.

Joe Peeler, a colored heavyweight serving with the U. S. Army, made his professional debut and knocked out Len Davies of Crewe in the first of scheduled six rounds contest.

Vince Hawkins, the undefeated Southampton middleweight, went another rung up the ladder of fame when he outpointed Paddy Roche of Eire over 10 rounds at Watford.

Freddie Wheeler of Basinstoke defeated Fred Morris of Stepney on points in the supporting eight rounds bout.

Johnny Boyd of Peterborough scored a hard earned eight rounds points win over Gordon Woodhouse of the Canadian Army at Bristol.

In another eight rounds contest Eric Dolby

Derby outpointed Tommy Shaw of Derby after a good contest.

Dennis Rebbeck of Chippenham won on points over Dick Horton of London at the end of eight rounds.

Tommy Foxall of Tipton won over Dennis Collins of Grimsby in the feature bout of 12 rounds at Pontypool.

Foxall was the better stylist and this influenced the referee to decide in his favor after an almost even bout.

Joe Josephs of Cardiff won by a small margin over Jackie Evans of Pontypridd in the supporting eight rounds contest.

Walter Rankin of Glasgow defeated Mick Miller of Mansfield in the sixth of a 15 rounds contest at Hucknell. The latter retired owing to a damaged hand and after receiving quite a lot of punishment.

Tommy Jayes of Hucknall proved too good for Stanley Ward of Shirebrook, in the fifth of an eight rounds contest, after taking considerable punishment.

Harry McLoughlin of the Royal Navy won a hard and clean fought bout over 10 rounds against Kid Smith of Dundee at Grove Stadium, Glasgow.

In the supporting bouts, Tommy Miller of Glasgow outpointed Peter Veitch of Glasgow over 10 rounds. Billy Ross of Smethil outpointed Duncan McTaggart of Glasgow in another 10 rounds contest.

Johnny Best continues to stage attractive shows at his Stadium at Liverpool. It is no wonder that the fight fans clamor for seats.

When I visited the Stadium recently the program was packed with thrilling bouts that brought forth plenty of excitement from the many fans who crowded the Stadium.

The top liner brought together Tommy Davies of Ammanford and local Frank Duffy over the 10 rounds course.

Davies was a good favorite but the clever boxing of Duffy gave the Welshman quite a lot to think about, for he was continually scoring with a steady straight left to the face.

Duffy nearly brought off a surprise when he let a left hook go to the body and followed this with a right to the chin. Davies' legs seemed to be made of rubber as he swayed all around the ring. It was obvious that the bell alone saved him from the count of out.

The Welsh lad seemed to recover after another round and began putting on the pressure during the last two rounds and just about did enough to clinch the decision.

Duffy weighed 155 pounds to Davies' 156.

Terry Allen of London again pleased the Merseyside crowd with his all action punches against Roy Ball of Mamhilad over eight rounds.

Allen, a flyweight with a big future, scaled 110½ pounds to Ball's 114 pounds. After an even two rounds Allen made headway fast. Ball has to be congratulated on lasting the distance after taking considerable punishment from Allen who punches from all angles.

Yes, sir! Allen will soon be up there with the top-notchers. This lad is undefeated in eight professional starts and his style is of the kind the fans appreciate.

Mick Gibbons of Haydock outpointed Jack Crossley of the Army in a hard fought eight rounds contest to win on points.

Benny Green of Chester won on a foul over Alf Roe of Preston when the latter was ruled out in the third of a scheduled six rounds bout.

Reg James of Chester won by a T.K.O. over Jimmy Connolly of Liverpool when the latter received a badly cut eye. It was obvious that to continue might prove disastrous for the Liverpool lad. The referee applied the closure during the third round.

Martin Thornton of Eire scored a kayo win over Ben Valentine of the Fiji Isles in the third of an eight-rounds heavyweight contest at the Caledonian Road Baths.

Len Bennett of Bethnal Green outpointed Frank Renan of Fulham over six rounds.

The long looked forward to contest between Joe Curran of Liverpool, weighing 109½ pounds, and Sammy Reynolds of Wolverhampton, weighing 112 pounds finally took place. After failing to make the flyweight poundage at 2 o'clock on the day of the fight Reynolds doffed the four ounce surplus after 20 minutes of hard work. So the match was on as arranged, for 15 rounds at the championship weight, with a $500 side stake.

Needless to say, the Liverpool Stadium was sold out fully three days before the advertised show was to take place.

Curran was slow off the mark and allowed Reynolds to pile up a lead on points. The heavy hitting of Curran around the midsection shook the Midlander during the third round and he was forced to take a count. A claim of foul was disregarded by Referee Moss Deyong although he warned Curran to keep his punches higher.

In the sixth session Reynolds was down again from a hard left hook, which connected to the jaw followed by a blow to the body, but Reynolds rose at the count of one.

As soon as the seventh round started Curran went straight from his corner and dropped Reynolds with a left to the body. The latter claimed a foul and the referee upheld the claim which sent Curran to his corner disqualified.

The referee's verdict was given a very mixed reception and it was fully 13 minutes before the next bout was allowed to start.

IN PORTLAND, OREGON

By S/1c MANUEL CAMARA, U.S.C.G.

AFTER a stormy three rounds, Leo Turner, 158, gained a fifth-round technical knockout over Pedro Hermosillo, 160, newcomer from Mexico City. Hermosillo proved a surprise. In the first, he scored repeatedly with smashing rights to the jaw. The second was also fiercely contested with the Mexican holding a slight edge. The third session saw Turner break even and Hermosillo breaking his right hand. The tide of battle changed completely in the fourth with Turner scoring beautifully with left hooks which floored Hermosillo for a nine count. At the intermission, between the 5th and 6th rounds Hermosillo's hand was inspected and the bout was halted. Turner scaled 158 to 156 for Hermosillo.

In other bouts, Prowl Cop Mickey Pease, 153, returned to the wars after a lengthy layoff to gain a close decision over Speedy Cannon, 157, in six heats. Irish Roy Dunn, 158, Vancouver, T.K.O.'d Ted Newsome, 162, Gary, Ind., at the end of the fourth round of a scheduled six rounder. Norman Finch, 145, Vancouver, got a close one over Eddie Weller, 146, of Swan Island. And the curtain raiser saw Don Crowe, 146, Vancouver, knock out Sailor Mickey Finn, 145, of the Astoria Navy base in the first.

Invading Portland rings for the first time, Rudolfo Cruz, 134½, of Los Angeles, boxed his way to a cleancut 10 round victory over Leo Romaniello, 136½, in a bout held at the Municipal Auditorium. Cruz used a good left jab which was usually followed by a right uppercut or right cross to outsmart the rough Romaniello. Romaniello floored Cruz for a short count in the seventh but Cruz came right back to give Leo a bad beating in the last 3 heats.

In another ten round bout, Joey Dolan, 122, won an easy decision in his rematch with "Pee-Wee" Lewis, 121, Baltimore Negro featherweight. Lewis hit the canvas in the sixth. Other bouts saw youthful Mel Roberts, 141, rally to outpoint Norman Finch, 144, Vancouver in 4 rounds. Irish Roy Dunn, 158, Vancouver, outslugged LeRoy McQueen, 157, in 4 while the opener saw hustlin' Angelo Petrella, 135, winning a 4 round fracas from Rex Rowe, 141, local defense worker.

Coming fast in the late rounds, Beltin' Joe Kahut farmboy pride of Woodburn and light heavyweight champion of Oregon, battled his way to another draw against crafty Leo Turner, local Negro veteran in a state title bout. This was the second draw within six weeks. A crowd of 3,640 grossed a gate of $11,571 to witness the bout.

The bout was a 15 rounder in which the trend of battle seesawed throughout the fight. Not once did Referee Willie Ritchie, former lightweight champion, have to separate the boys or tell them to adhere to the rules. Both boys took 6 rounds with 3 being even. Turner floored Kahut in the second for the only knockdown of the fight. Kahut also suffered a slight cut over his left eye in the fracas. Turner came in at 160 spotting Kahut 4 pounds.

In the 10 round semi final, Joey Dolan, 121, state featherweight champion, got a home town decision over "Pee-Wee" Lewis, 118, a rugged little Negro boy from Baltimore. Lewis forced the issue throughout, and was entitled to no worse than a draw.

In the other bouts Mel Roberts, 140, Portland schoolboy, kayoed Mickey Finn, 145, Astoria Naval Station, with a hard right to the jaw in the second. Eddie Weller, 149, Swan Island, upset Bobby Brock in four sessions.

BRIEFS: . . . The National Boxing Club started a little over a year ago, has put Portland back on the fistic map. Headed by genial Joe Waterman, it has also contributed freely to charity. From the Kahut-Turner bout, $1,577.85 was turned over the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children. On another occasion, following the Chase-Garrison fight, $1,466.15 was turned over to the same organization. Another organization that always gets a slice of the gate is the Veterans' Administration, created following the last war. At these times when boxing talent is so scarce Waterman at first had to rely solely on importations to headline his shows. But of late, Joe has been fortunate enough to develop some fine talent of his own. Such local scrappers as Joe Kahut, Joey Dolan, Leo Romaniello, Mickey Pease, Young Otto, Mel Roberts, Speedy Cannon, Norman Finch and others have made their debut under Waterman and are nearly all fighting main events now. Give credit for all this to Joe Waterman, Portland's own boxing promoter and a swell fellow.

Pfc. Joe Cervantes is with the Army in Georgia. This boy fought in Los Angeles a few years back under the name of Manuel Gonzales and was very handy with his dukes. Since joining up with Uncle Sam he has participated in 4 bouts of which he has won all. . . . Sgt. Leo McCormick, a great favorite in these parts, is now serving overseas. . . . Gus Wilson has a fine prospect in Rudolfo Cruz, crack Mexican lightweight brother of Costello Cruz, now in the Army. Watch this boy he is undefeated. . . . Gabriel Maldonado a hard-punching California light heavy is now with the Army in Oklahoma. He had been winning all his bouts via the kayo route. . . . Sammy Mitchell aggressive Army middleweight from Los Angeles is winning consistently in Army bouts held at Camp Bowie, Texas. . . . Because of being on leave, I omitted in the last issue the fact that Leo Romaniello broke the winning streak of Prowl Copy Mickey Pease to win the welterweight championship of Oregon. Pease will now campaign as a middleweight. . . .

Jimmy Casino, now a Navy shore patrol instructor, is considering making a comeback. This good middleweight has whipped such boys as Freddie Steele and Harry Mathews. He will probably make his initial appearance at Spokane.

Watch Sammy Matta who is winning all his bouts by knockouts. He hails from Pasadena, California.

CAMP KOHLER NEWS

LIEUT. ROBERT J. SCHMITT, former post athletic officer, has been shipped to nearby Camp Davis to instruct the signal corps boys everything about wire. Lieut. Schmitt is a regular fella, very well liked, as is the present post athletic officer, Lieut. Babb.

SHORT SHOTS:—Sgt. Tony "Punchy" Davis, former ace post bantamweight, now stationed in Southern California, decisioned Bobby Montana, Calif. A.A.U. champ, in a bout at Pasadena.

Sacramento Memorial Auditorium:—The 20-30 Club of Sacramento sponsored another boxing show for the capitol city, an Army-Navy affair. Pvt. Dave Jiminez, 162, hard-socking Camp Kohler middleweight champ, scored his 12th straight win, this time with a hard-fought decision over two-fisted Cal Williams, 167, a lusty-hitting Negro staff sergeant, who is the best light-heavy on the Hammer Field team. Williams took the first round easily, using his height and reach to advantage, but once Jiminez started moving in close with his powerful blows, the rest of the fight was his. Jiminez is a tough boy, and as rough as they come.

Pvt. Ray Hawkins, 185, Hammer Field star prospect, decisioned Pvt. Henry Robinson, 192, Stockton Field Negro in the main event. Pvt. Delaware Bradley, 172, hard-hitting Mather Field Negro, beat Joe Ballard, 175, Stockton Field. Alfred Weems, 136, Stockton Field, beat K.O. Sosa, 136, Camp Beale. Travis Trotter, 146, Stockton Field, beat Frank Bodnar, 141, Camp Beale. Pablo Salvador, 121, Camp Beale, kayoed Gabriel Carpenter, 116, Elmira, Calif., in the first heat. Tom Calhoun, 147, Hammer Field red-headed toughie, beat John Price, 142, Camp Beale. Jimmy Garfalo, 136, sailor from the Vallejo USO, 136, beat Joe Espinosa, 132, Camp Beale. Felix Montanlo, 163, Hammer Field, best George Suppon, 158, Camp Beale. Sailor Johnny Grimes, 130, Vallejo USO, best Sergio Paquin, 127, Camp Beale. Frenchy Graville, 168, Camp Beale, beat Sailor Joe Thompson, 162, Vallejo USO. Cpl. Vern La Cross, 152, Camp Kohler, T.K.O.'d Don Shields, 146, Camp Beale, in two rounds.

La Cross dished out a real beating, as Shields collapsed on the way back to the dressing room, and was removed to the Camp Kohler Station Hospital for observation. Robert Pritt, 162, Camp Beale, whipped Henry Robinson, 160, Hammer Field. More than 3000 fans were on hand for the show, which included Sgt. Joe Louis, Staff Sgt. George Nicholson, Sgt. Jackie Wilson, and Cpl. Ray Robinson who are in town boxing their tour at Camp Beale and Mather Field.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Pvt. Buddy Gomer, 175, U. S. Army Signal Corps, boxed a 3 round exhibition with young Joe Stepka, 165, up and coming St. Paul boxer. Gomer, arriving back here from his furlough, says he visited Billy Colbert and the boys at Gibbons' Gym. Most of the boys he knew aren't there—they're in the service, too. All except the veteran Lee Savold who has a family to take care of.

San Francisco, Calif. — Winning his sixth straight bout, Cpl. Buddy Gomer, 175½, U. S. Army Signal Corps, counter-punched his way to a very close decision over rough-tough Joe Majica, 174, Vallejo USO sailor over four rounds. Majica, the aggressor all the way, gave Gomer a tough fight.

Camp Davis, Calif.—Pfc. Eddie Fadda, 180, Oakland ace now at the Davis campus, easily whipped Sgt. Tom Murray, 185, Camp Davis, in the main event at the Davis gym. Some 500 soldiers and civilians were on hand for the show. Fadda shipped out for Florida a week after the bout.

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IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

AT this writing, plans for Sioux City's 10th annual Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament are in the making. Tentative dates are for the middle part of February and the action will take place in the Sioux City Auditorium. The tournament is sponsored by the Sioux City *Journal-Tribune*, under the supervision of the Midwest A. A. U. All profits go to a Good Fellow fund which is used to provide toys and candy for poor children at Christmas time. A large entry list is expected in the 16- and 17-year-old class as the closest meets to Sioux City are those to be held at Omaha, Cedar Rapids, and Minneapolis. The present arrangement places all northwestern Iowa, northeastern Nebraska, and most of the state of South Dakota in the Sioux City tournament's territory. The management of the tournament, which is headed by Bill Forbes of the *Journal-Tribune* will not accept entries of boys who live closer to Minneapolis, Omaha or Cedar Rapids than they do to Sioux City.

Omaha, Neb.—Tony Galento kayoed Red Ryan after 36 seconds of milling in the fourth round. A left to the midsection and a right to the jaw ended the bout which drew 2,800 spectators.

IN THE SERVICE . . . Paul Basler, amateur middleweight of Des Moines, is now attached to the naval training section at Central College. . . . Basler was recently transferred from William Jewell college. . . . Lieut. Leo Mahon of Ponca, Neb., has been selected by the army as a physical instructor. . . . The former Golden Gloves champion is stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas. . . . Lieut. Herb G. Baumsten, a former Sioux Cityan is with the Fourth Ferrying Group in Memphis, Tenn., where he is assistant athletic director and boxing coach. . . . From Crofton, Neb., comes word that Lyle Sawatzke, former amateur boxer who fought on several cards in Sioux City, and was a former member of a submarine crew, is a prisoner of the Japanese.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . M. D. ("Hap") Burgess, former night sports editor on the *Journal-Tribune* staff is slated to enter the armed service. . . . Paul Hartnek, Omaha, took a decision over Martin Goldberg, at Oakland, Cal. . . . and took a decision over George Millick but lost to Buddy Millard in ten, during the past month. . . . The indoor wrestling cards staged in Sioux City are about to fold up. . . . Lack of interest on the part of the fans and a shortage of talent are just two of the reasons. . . . Tony Galento was slated to show his stuff in Sioux City, but a winter snow-storm put him on the detour. . . . Remember to buy your RING every month, and be sure to buy more Bonds. . . . The Iowa pre-flight school mat team won, 11 to 3, in a wrestling match with the Davenport Y.M.C.A. Bob Roemer, a Seahawk from Davenport, won the only fall but the pre-fighters took two other classes by decision. Russell Palmer won the only points for the Y.M.C.A. team when he won over Charles Johnson in the 147-pound class. . . . If you failed to notice it another old time fighter, Frankie Crosby, has passed on. . . . The final rites were held at Alton, Ill. . . . To refresh your fistic memory Crosby was an old time lightweight.

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BOXING NEWS

By PVT. TOM EPHREM
(Somewhere in North Africa)

SERVICE boxing in North Africa has become the leading sport and entertainment, by far surpassing its nearest competitors, baseball and movies. It's the servicemen's outstanding recreation and the weekly fistic shows in Casablanca, Oran, Algiers, Constantine, Bizerte and Tunis testify to this by the jam-up attendances to see bang-up cards.

Though no sign of a Madison Square Garden performer or little lesser light has been seen in competition, there are among them several boys who may some day after the war grace the cards at our leading swat emporiums in the States. Looking forward to the above, are these boys who go in there fighting merely to entertain their pals, their compensation strictly the good old American sportsmanship—thunderous applause. It's here that a certain something, the roar of the crowd, flows into the fighters' veins, and how they respond to the echo with gloves whirling from all directions! That's action, plus thrills, the unbeatable combination suited for every soldier, sailor or Marine. Just ask the boys.

This writer has witnessed excellent presentations under Chaplain Francis McCarthy in Oran, Algeria. Also at the city of Algiers, where the game is at a high pitch. This is the present capital of Cauliflower Canyon in North Africa.

Teamwork between Gilbert Benhaim and Sgt. Al (Warner) Weisberger does it. Benhaim is the man who brought Pedro Montanez to America, and we have dubbed him the Aladdin of Algiers, since all he has to do is rub his Magic Lamp and "Presto," his many Arab fighters, who have been the keynote to the success, appear for gloved warfare.

Among these Arabs is one El Mansour, who has yet to taste defeat. Then among the service lads, there is Siggie (Landers) Stadtlander, well remembered in the States. Siggie held Mansour to a couple of draws.

Constantine does well with the mitt game, as does Bizerte, with a naval unit presenting the shows. But it is Tunis that bests all excepting Algiers, and she can top it, if a larger hall could be used. The Garrison Theatre, with 2500 seating capacity, is way below in room needed for the units stationed in this area. Not all who come to see the fights witness them, as many are turned away for the lack of space.

Doing a bang-up job in giving our boys just what they want in the Tunis area, the American Red Cross combines with II A.S.A.C. Special Services Department for first class cooperation. With Raphael Gaber, George Gelfer, and Messrs. Potter and O'Dell capably assisting, full honors are due them for their untiring efforts. Under this group, such sterling soldier swatsmiths as Don Wallenfang, Eddie O'Neal, Pinky Morris, Enriquez Salinas, Johnny Thomas, Henry DeAlvino, Clarence Molden, Willie Jackson, Baltimore Johnny Kapovich, and Leo Lee, classy Englishman, have presented their walloping wares with great satisfaction. At this writing, Wallenfang and Lee return in a second clash, having previously whaled away to a draw. The winner here tangles with the winner of the Eddie O'Neal-Johnny Thomas return go, with the final pairing ready to settle supremacy for the welterweight title of North Africa.

Now that our outfit has been transferred from North Africa to somewhere in Sardinia, we hope to get the ball started in boxing in this new location. The Italians, unlike the Arabs, are not so keen for athletics right now. Their chief aim is to get the land cleared of the debris and to begin life anew under the supervision of the Allied nations.

The little boxing I have seen so far has been friendly bouts among the boys in camp after working hours. We have a mighty big job on our hands and naturally, though we love our sports, there is a time for everything.

General Eisenhower has granted permission to the service men to engage in preliminary bouts that will eventually lead up to championship tournaments among the invasion troops, and this will get under way shortly after the start of the new year.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By BILL KIM

THERE can be no doubt about it now. What virtually everyone in the Hawaiian Islands has been fully aware of ever since their first clash was belatedly confirmed by local judges in the sixth meeting of David Kui Kong Young and Rush Dalma. Dalma, after whipping the local pride five of the half-a-dozen clashes, was finally seen the winner by the arbiters in their most recent joust at the Civic Auditorium. Young copped the second mêlée, but the other bouts were blotches on the otherwise excellent record of the commission officials, as the fights were ruled draws, despite the fact that it was the unanimous opinion that Dalma rightly deserved the verdicts.

But coming back to fight No. 6. The Filipino ace gave the Clouting Celestial a sound thrashing and there could be no mistake about the decision. At last, after two years of trying, Dalma got justice!

With the victory, Dalma dethrones Young in the eyes of the local commission as bantamweight champion of the world.

Dalma was credited with six of the twelve rounds, with three for his highly-touted rival and three even. Displaying superb skill and complete mastery over his terrific punching adversary, Dalma proceeded from the second canto to pile up an advantage of six straight rounds. He climaxed and clinched the fight with a sensational seventh heat in which he pummelled the Chinese southpaw with everything but the ring posts. Thereafter he protected his lead and fought cautiously but met every challenge and invariably was the last one to cease firing.

Young's vaunted power, that is, his kayo clouting left, was conspicuous by its absence and at no time did he hurt the Fil. He fought right into Rush's hands by confining the action to close quarters, where Dalma outboxed and outpunched him conclusively.

It was a finely conditioned and determined Dalma that handed the local-born lad his first setback in years. Too much credit cannot be given the Wright brothers, Jackie and Sharkie, the best fight handlers on the Rock, for bringing the new champ to the razor-sharp edge that he was for the encounter.

The fight was held indoors as the baseball league had the use of the Stadium. Nevertheless the card drew a turnaway throng of 5,558 fans, who set a record gate with $15,910.50. Had the fight been held in the wide open spaces of the Stadium, $20,000 would have been realized. The previous record gate was $15,499.40, established in the Young-Little Dado fight.

Freddy Lawrence and Jimmy Hursey battled to a five-round draw in the semi-windup. Soldier-fighter Ralph DeJohn outclassed Frank Thomas to win in the main prelim. Benny Mactagone whipped Delfin Augustus, Teddy King beat Alexander Permijo, and Bobby Reyes decisioned Manuel Tellis in the four-rounders.

Clever Henry ascended the welterweight throne of the Territory by virtue of a clean-cut win over the Coast Guard boy, Joe Hernandez, in a slashing ten-rounder. The Brown Bouncing Doll, making his first appearance in months, thrilled the capacity crowd at the Auditorium with a brilliant exhibition of boxing skill to register the first setback for the sailor in local rings. The card was publicized as the greatest of the year and it more than stood up to advance notices.

It was Henry all the way, but Hernandez made it an exciting match as he was right in there trying his best to tag the "Fil" jitterbug with his dynamite-laden left hook. The guardsman nearly turned the trick in the first chapter and again in the sixth, when he stunned the victor with hard lefts to the jaw followed by a volley of telling body blows. Otherwise, the winner and new champ enjoyed the edge in the fisticuffing.

An enthusiastic throng of 5,700 fans paid $6,663.10 to see the show.

In the outstanding supporting bouts, Al DiCarlos regained the fans' favor by decisively trouncing newcomer Ray Powell in six rounds. DiCarlos has been hot and cold, but in this fracas he was definitely on fire and impressively won over the colored fighter from the Army.

A somewhat startling surprise was the defeat of classy Ralph DeJohn by William Lewis elephantine colored heavyweight from Philadelphia, whose southpaw stance bewildered the veteran East Coast main eventer. DeJohn took the opening round, but Lewis won the remaining four. This was a special.

Lefty Lapinid and Don Benzor battled to a bloody draw in a four, while Jimmy Hursey pounded out a good win over Delfin Augustus in the same distance. Jimmy Lewis shaded Leo Goessens in the curtain-raiser, another four.

The outstanding rookie fighter of the year, Louis (Chico) Rosa, solidified his top place in the $500 talent contest with a stunning knockout over Richard Silva in the seventh round of a scheduled eight-round main event at the Auditorium. A crowd of 4,145 paid $4,980.25 to see the two local lads trade blows.

Bringing a terrific right clear up from the floor that landed flush on the jaw and fairly tore Silva's head from his body, brought a spectacular finish to a slam-bang tussle.

Rosa had the edge up to the kayo.

The fast-fading Freddy Lawrence dropped another tilt, this time to Ray Powell in the five-round semi-final. Powell swarmed all over the sailor. He scored a first-round knockdown.

The other five-heater saw Don Benzor decision Jimmy Hursey, while ex-amateur champ Benny Mactagone made good his pro debut by winning easily over Leo Goessens. Joe Park defeated Eddie Mara in the opener.

Middleweight champion Johnny Dias and Wayne Powell fought a savage ten-round draw before 5,068 fans, who clicked the turnstiles for $5,969.70 at the Auditorium. Weathering a terrific attack in the final round, Powell fought the heavily favored champ to a standstill. Dias gained the royal robes a few months before by stopping Powell in four heats. But this meeting was a different story and Powell nearly turned the tables on the gent who lifted his crown.

In the final heat, Dias threw everything he had at the bus driver. He rained a barrage of lefts and rights to Wayne's head in a murderous assault. We counted 22 blows in succession to Powell's head before any letup. Any other fighter would have gone down. But Wayne, in amazing condition, absorbed the beating and as Dias became arm weary in the final seconds of the round staged a brief rally with stiff rights to the head that figured no little in the outcome of the fray.

Powell started the fireworks by sending Dias for a trek to the deck in the third but missed the boat with his wildness. Powell held a slim lead going into the ninth, but he hit the canvas in this heat from a short right to the button.

Chico Rosa added another triumph to his impressive string of wins by whipping Ray Lewis in the six-round semi-final.

Sabas Jamito decisioned Kid Alexander, Joe Park won over Joe Leithold, and Kid Salvador thumped Eddie Mara in the four-round prelims.

AT THE RINGSIDE—Boxing is expected to soar to unprecedented heights here in this mid-Pacific metropolis, what with another club starting to promote fights. A license was granted to Civilian Housing Area 3, a war workers' camp, and under the careful supervision of naval authorities, who are in charge of the area, pro fights will be conducted in the near future. Ensign Jess Milam has been named matchmaker. They are erecting an outdoor arena capable of seating 4,000 fight-hungry workers. Six- and four-rounders will be featured.

Promoter Leo Leavitt in the meantime is doing quite well by himself. His top gate has been $15,000 and his regular shows have brought in an average of $5,000. Problem No. 1 for Leo the Lion is lining up prelims. Service fighters dominate his smokers as he cannot import any outside talent from the mainland and the Army and Navy battlers are the answers to his prayers for the change of faces on the programs.

Amateurs are making a great migration in the pro ranks. From the powerful and most popular Catholic Youth Organization that swept six titles in the recently completed amateur tournament C.Y.O. aces Alfred Ganigan, featherweight; Semplicio Costales, lightweight; Jerry Abasolo, bantamweight; Bobby Reyes, featherweight; Benny Mactagone, welterweight; have deserted the simon pure ranks for the prize ring.

Old-timers, too, are getting in on the loose jeans. Ancient Lefty Lapinid, a veteran of twelve years, feels spry enough for a few more main events, he confides. Delfin Augustus also hit the comeback trail and Ben (Tiger) Morales is due for a return showing soon.

IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS

By ANTHONY COPPI

JACK (BUDDY) WALKER, Columbus, O heavyweight contender, scored an impressive sixth round technical knockout victory over Buddy Paul, Philadelphia, at the local armory in a scheduled ten-round tiff staged by the Hercules A.C.

Walker had complete charge in the abbreviated bout. He dropped his foe three times in the fourth stanza. The Buckeye belter used an effective stiff left jab which had Paul baffled and off balance during the mêlée.

Walker scaled 194, Paul 198.

A semi-windup corking eight round bout between Mutt Schwartz, veteran Cleveland welter and Pfc. Dave Bruce, Baer Field, Ft. Wayne Ind., ended in a deadlock, this corner gave the duke to Bruce.

Pvt. Gene Mickens, 200, Baer Field Negro, won by a T.K.O. over Laval "Bucky" Lewis, Columbus, O., in round two of a scheduled six. Lewis was far ahead but received an ugly cut over his right eye forcing a halt to the bout.

A scheduled six-round mill between Bill Jennings, 156, Indianapolis, and Tom Woodard, 16 Columbus, ended in a victory via T.K.O. in the third for the latter.

Jack Durham soured Frank Rand's first pro by winning on a T.K.O. in four rounds.

Art Tatta, 21-year-old New Haven, Conn., middleweight, is stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind and will soon make an appearance in an Indianapolis ring. Tatta won 32 of 35 pro battles and a 16 of his amateur matches. He recently won the championship in his division at Camp Blandin Fla., over finalist George Suvette.

Irish Eddie McGeever, Scranton, Pa., welterweight, is convalescing at Billings Hospital, F Harrison, Ind. Irish Eddie, who has defeated Tony Motisi, Wild Bill McDowell, Bobby Yaeger Maxie Berger and Bobby Britton, is recoverin from a leg injury received from gun fire during maneuvers.

RING SCRAPS: Congrats to Tom Leeper, local fight mentor, who has completed his 25th year along cauliflower row . . . . This corner's address is 1325 E. Tabor St., Indianapolis 3, Ind.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

BOXING took a bit of unjustified pushing around in Montreal for a while with the result that attendances dropped to losing proportions for Promoter Max Alper's last few shows. First there was a lot of blundering around by the Commission that caused show after show to be cancelled, which made the public uncertain about advertised shows going on or not. Naturally, such uncertainty is bound to affect attendance.

After this phase was passed over, after about two months, and a show was run, there were further complications for the following show. A sports writer started sniping a couple of days before the show, his sharpshooting being directed at Alex McCullough's reported participation in an "amateur" show at Rochester, a bootleg boxing centre. He blasted on the report that he had been kayoed there and was therefore no fit opponent for Lulu O'Connor in a main bout here. McCullough, on his arrival, denied he had boxed there.

McCullough was permitted to fight and after making a good early showing weakened under the Irish lad's consistent barrages and was flattened in the seventh.

The semi-final ended in a dramatic kayo with Gus Mell, a blond bombshell, flattening Phil Desormeau in two rounds. Mell is a youthful 130 pounder and it was his second pro bout. The prelims were action-crammed. Jackie Brace, Air Force welter, had his unbeaten streak rudely shattered when Maurice Lavigne, a very promising prospect, gave him a severe thrashing in a six rounder after the first three rounds were closely contested. Lavigne is also a star hockey goalie.

Tommy Murray, making his farewell appearance before setting off for a campaign in the States, which has turned out to be sensational, just about stole the show in his impressive win over Ray Hunter, who had been going well. Murray proved the most colorful performer. He is a star Canadian lightweight, Dave Castilloux. It was a dandy scrap right through with Murray having too many guns for Hunter. The opener was a grand battle and somewhat of an upset too. Jacques Racicot had his local bantam rival, Jerry Lavigne, on the verge of a kayo only to have Lavigne come surging back to stop him in the fourth round.

Alper's next show featured Florian Bibeau, O'Connor's chief flyweight rival, against Nels Broadhead, blond bantam from Hamilton. This was a peach of an eight rounder, with Broadhead getting away to an early lead. He took first three rounds easily. From the fourth on he gradually weakened and Bibeau was punching heavily at the finish to breeze through the winner.

In the semi-final, Maurice Lavigne scored an impressive three-round kayo over Germain Langlois, of Quebec. Gus Mell also scored a knockout when he flattened Ted LeBel in three rounds. Yvan Cote decisioned Henri Murray in a bristling six rounder and Emmet O'Connor, Lulu's brother, subbed for Lefty Young and kayoed Jerry Lavigne in the first heat. It was a rattling good show.

Wilfe Shanks added four more victories to his growing record in November. After taking the measure of Ott Mattusi in Montreal in an eight-round main bout, he returned to the States where he campaigns under George Sheppard and kayoed Ernie Adkins in two heats and Johnny Rice in three in New Britain, Conn. In between those fights, the classy local middleweight scored over Coolidge Miller in New York when the colored boy was disqualified in the sixth stanza for deliberate butting. Shanks had the fight well in hand when it was terminated. The Rice win was his 25th bout of the current year, which indicates how active he has been.

Tommy Murray, who accompanied Shanks back to New York from Montreal, lost little time proving himself a coming star. George Sheppard had him booked to meet Sammy Garcia in an eight rounder in Boston and, though sustaining bruised ribs in training, he came through with flying colors. He whipped Milton Bell in an eight rounder at Paterson, N. J., then returned for another battle with Garcia which was ruled a draw after eight sensational rounds that panicked the fans. Murray is a really colorful club fighter and Sheppard will be flooded with offers for him.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

AT St. Paul Auditorium—Jackie Graves of Austin, 128, again decisioned Del Cockayne, 129, of Des Moines. The decision was very close. Jimmy O'Hara, the fighting Irishman, scored a knockout over Sailor Bob Quinn, also St. Paul, in the second round. Quinn took a terrific body lacing. He went down for nine counts twice in the first and went down and out in the second round. O'Hara weighed 171 and Quinn 189 pounds.

Joe Stepka, 160, St. Paul, won over Gene Fescenmaier, 171, Morton, Minn., in three rounds.

Don Sabasky, St. Paul, 130, decisioned Elmer Sherrick, No. St. Paul, 135, in three rounds.

Cody Connell, 157, won the decision over Tip Wilson, 151, in three rounds.

Dave Thompson, 139, of Austin, Minn., gained the verdict over Tom Tierney, St. Paul, 143, in three rounds.

Don Nelson of Austin, Minn., 117, was given the duke over Jimmy Lentsch, 118, of St. Paul, in three rounds. Bob Phillips of St. Paul, 151, pounded out a victory over Harvey Rowles, Minneapolis, 145, in three rounds. Don Hamlin, 140, St. Paul, decisioned Jim Boyett, 146, Minneapolis, in one of the best bouts on the card. Bill Luff, St. Paul, 189, the redheaded heavyweight, won over Roger LaCount, 175, Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Athletic Club—Don Hamlin, St. Paul, 139, showed tremendous improvement as he belted out a well-earned three-round decision over Don Kroeten, Minneapolis, 146 pounds, in the feature bout. In other bouts Jimmy Lentsch, St. Paul, 118, won all three rounds from Charles Davis, Minneapolis, 117, in a great match. Royal Crawford, Minneapolis, 117, registered a decisive three-round decision over Mike Polnik, Minneapolis.

Joe Kissell, Minneapolis, 162, marked up a technical knockout over Cody Connell, St. Paul, 157. Connell suffered a bad cut eye. Connell was away out in front at the time of the accident. Don Bokaski, St. Paul, 140, won all three rounds from James Trotwood, St. Paul, 147, in three rounds. Jimmy O'Hara, the fighting Irishman from St. Paul, 169, beat Roger LaCount, De La Salle High School, 174, in three rounds. Joe Stepka, 162, won the decision over Gene Fessenmaier, Minneapolis, 170, in three rounds.

Al Bache, rugged and promising lightweight from Duluth, who fought in the Twin Cities several times and who had to retire due to a heart ailment, is now recovered and serving Uncle Sam in the Motorcycle Corps. One of the best trainers at the head of the Lakes Region is Spike Dugan. He has been connected with boxing for over twenty years as a fighter, manager, trainer and promoter. Cpl. Johnnie J. Thomas is now with the Engineers and stationed at Nashville, Tenn. Mike Fischer, the amateur heavyweight, is now in the Air Corps and stationed at Amarillo, Texas. Gene Connolly, Minneapolis boxer and trainer, is stationed in Calif., in the Sea Bees. Izzy Levine, Duluth Welterweight, is stationed at Fort McClennan. Alabama, in the Army. Also there is Johnny Jaddick, former Jr. Welter Champ.

Gilbert Crawford, St. Paul Amateur Middleweight champ in 1941, is in the Air Corps. He attends officers' training school at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass. He was a great amateur.

Ed Connolly is the boxing instructor at the Pillsbury House, Minneapolis. Harold Alle (the Fighting Turk) from No. St. Paul, and now in England with the U. S. Army, writes that he has been boxing in tournaments over there and will be glad to get back to the U.S. when the war is over so he can start on his professional career. Harold now weighs around 175 pounds and will be a hard boy to beat when he is in condition. Harry Davis is the boxing instructor at the Phillis Wheatley Settlement House in Minneapolis.

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Mike (Hamburger) Hagan, brother of Floyd, is now in the Army and stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif. Mike is a welterweight and a pretty good one. Don Hamline has a record of fourteen straight wins in the amateur ranks this season. There are two amateur St. Paul boxers who show promise of great ring futures. They are Joe Stepka and Jimmy O'Hara. Both have displayed enough punching ability as well as ring knowledge for their friends to predict a great future for them when they turn pro.

Rochester, Minn.—Jackie Graves, Austin, Minn., 129, won the decision over Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill., 127, in a three-round amateur bout at the Civic Auditorium. Johnny Ertle, Stillwater, Minn., former bantamweight champ, refereed.

BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

HAVANA'S Golden Glove Tournament was finally ended, and the following champions were crowned: Jorge Lazo, Flyweight; Oswaldo Socarras, Bantamweight; Antonio Alvarez, Featherweight; Young Molina, Lightweight; Mario Diaz, Welterweight; and Esteban Campos, Light-heavyweight.

Kid Tunero, Cuba's Middleweight champion, had little trouble in scoring in ten rounds over Joe Legon. Weights: Tunero 156; Legon, 148.

Mario Morales scored the biggest upset of the season in Havana when he outpointed National Kid in ten rounds. Weights: Morales 127½, National Kid 125.

Cristal Arena is about to be demolished, according to reports. Jaime Marine, President of the Cuban Sports Committee, has been making plans for the construction of a huge sports palace there.

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IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

A WINTER without boxing of any kind faces Syracuse, with the professional outfit unable to operate because of a lack of an indoor arena. The amateurs seem to have gone with the wind also, most of the talent having been absorbed by the armed services. Veteran fight followers are now getting the habit of journeying to New York City, whenever Promoter Mike Jacobs presents a choice fistic extravaganza at the Garden.

Buffalo, Rochester, Utica, Albany and Binghamton are also without weekly shows featuring the paid-to-slug scrappers, although Rochester does have weekly A.A.U. cards at the Elk's Club. Next summer will see a number of outdoor shows in most of the cities mentioned.

Vinnie and Billy Byrne, Syracuse University boxers, now in the service, are being used by Uncle Sam as instructors in the manly art, and doing a good job too. These youngsters, sons of Matt Byrne, well known Syracuse businessman, took up the fistic art originally as a form of body development. However, both boys grew so proficient they were soon battering their tutors around, and each wound up with a collegiate title while attending the Piety Hill school of learning.

LEFT-HOOKS: Marcus Aurelius Buckland, former local boxing promoter, in partnership with Red Kantor, has opened a smokeshop in the S. A. & K. building, popular meeting place of the sporting gentry. . . . Al Graboske, who was John D. Wilson's right hand man for years, has gone into the jewelry business on his own, and is reported to be doing well. . . . Offside to George L. Willis, Sacramento, Calif. . . . The bout you refer to was fought in the rain at MacArthur Stadium here several years ago. . . . On this memorable occasion, Newsboy Millich, colorful Californian, lost to Ralph DeJohn after 10 thrilling rounds. . . . Mickey Barron, Scranton featherweight of a few years ago, who was an ace drawing card here, is still being discussed by the old timers as the "greatest action fighter of them all."

Gabe Genovese has purchased the old Lumbkin building and is renovating it into a high class eating place. . . . Gabe expects to open after the first of the year. . . . He should do well with the political trade as Gabe's new beanery is adjacent to the City Hall where "Fighting" Tom Kennedy occupies the Mayor's chair. . . . Kid Polo has become a capable and colorful bartender, permanently enthusiastic about his old love—boxing. . . . Buys every issue of The Ring and is one of the best informed persons on boxing in town. . . . Has an encyclopedic brain for dates and facts concerning the game, gleaned from Nat Fleischer's publications.

The ring game lost a good prospect when Bill Lundigan became a movie actor. . . . Bill packs a wallop in both hands as any Hollywoodenhead will find out if he rubs this Irishman's fur the wrong way. . . . LaVerne Moore, who attained considerable fame as the "Mysterious John Montague" on the coast, by his unbelievable golfing feats, is another celebrity who could have gained fame and fortune with the leather mitts. . . . Both of these boys are Syracusans. . . . Cornelius Dick Nugent, local Postmaster, former Deputy Boxing Inspector, is a great lover of the sport, and has a wealth of stories about his experiences with promoters, fighters and managers during his active days in the game. . . . One of Nugent's favorite boxing managers is Irving (Itchky) Robbins, who is still handling clouters. . . . Caveman Fisher, oldtime middleweight, who beat Johnny Wilson and kayoed Jack Delaney, is working in a Defense plant. . . . Eddie Doyle thinks the late Harry Greb was the greatest piece of fighting machinery the game ever had. . . . Eddie is now at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., for the treatment of a stomach ailment. . . . He has attended every fight card staged in Syracuse in 30 years.

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SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

BUDDY WALKER, 193-pound Columbus, Ohio, colored heavyweight, ran into a Tartar on the night of November 29th at Baltimore, Md., when he was declared the loser on a knockout in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout with young Joe Baksi, dynamic Kulpmont, Pa., 213-pound slasher.

Elmer Ray, giant Negro protege of Baron Pate of West Palm Beach, Florida, looked quite impressive on the Mike Hirsch show at Ocean Park, California, on October 18. Ray stopped Jim Grinnage in 3 rounds.

At Akron, Ohio, on October 27, Ossie Harris of Pittsburgh, whipped Tommy Mollis badly to score a 5-round knockout. They are middleweights.

AROUND—FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS:—Bob Penn and Rob Russo, Chicago's good combination managers, have turned up with a grand lightweight in Freddy Dawson who recently beat Harry Teaney, the Clevelander . . . . In our books, Fitzy Fitzpatrick the slugging Cleveland middle under the Mickey Kelcher-Tommy Mulgrew banner, looks the best in that division from every angle, too.

Latest to enter armed services from this territory and fight game is Billy Stribling, Cincinnati heavyweight star of a few years ago . . . . Rolando Herrera, Mexican booking agent and fight manager, has a trio of young foreign stars under his care. . . . My fight flashes service continues to move forward with new subscribers from all over the country . . . thanks to the many new subscriptions received from readers the past few weeks . . . managers, promoters or anyone interested in this one dollar-per-year service can contact this writer, Jimmy Amann, at 6716 Palmetto Street, Cincinnati, 27, Ohio. . . . this address also available for fighters of all weights who wish national contact and managers of good fighters, looking for a national representative. . . . Don't overlook Bob Garner the colored middleweight from Louisville, Ky. Ever since Mac Bonner's boy whipped Nate Bolden in Chicago, the middles and light heavies have been seen beating a downpath away from the Garner door.

And to all, Christmas greetings, and a grand and Happy New Year.

Harvey Streiber, Ashtabula manager and promoter, who probably has done more for boxing than any other person in his home locality, has opened a new quarters in Ashtabula, Ohio, and is looking for youngsters of all weights.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND—Jack Kenny Livingston, N. J. middleweight, is a boxing instructor. He is stationed in Virginia with the Navy Amphibious Force. Everybody is sorry to hear that Johnny Rohrig, Clifton, N. J. lightweight, was wounded in the Mediterranean area. Tony Riccio of Bayonne got revenge for a previous draw when he easily outpointed Danny Martin at Newark. A few veterans who are doing well on the comeback trail are Frankie Bove of Nutley, and Mickey Markar of Bayonne.

BEST PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH—Freddy Schott, Paterson, N. J., Nick Restano of Newark, who is a protege of Allie Stolz, and Jose (Mannie) Torres, young New York featherweight, who scored one of the year's biggest upsets in outpointing Earl Mintz in his first eight round bout.

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH—GROTTO, JERSEY CITY—Joey Haddad, 142, Paterson sailor, outpointed Baby (Prillo) Galento, 143½, Chicago, Johnny Yellavich, 160, Coast Guardsman from Rochello Park, won a close decision over Teddy Randolph, 167, Harlem. Jose (Mannie) Torres, 123, New York, made his first six rounder a winning one by outpointing Al Rodriguez, 120, also from New York.

Jimmy Ford, 146, Brooklyn, handed Teddy Green, 151, Bayonne, his first pro loss. In the opening four, Young Cimmino, 137½, Bayonne, outpointed Jimmy Fisher, 134, New York.

Johnny Caruso, 151, U. S. Coast Guard, got up off deck to outpunch Mickey Markar, 147, Bayonne southpaw. In the semi-six, Irving Palefsky, 142, K.O.'d Jimmy Fisher, 140, in 47 seconds of the first heat. Both boys are from New York City.

Teddy Green, 151, Bayonne, outscored Jimmy Ford, 146½, Brooklyn. Both fours ended in two round K.O.'s with Mike Crouchelli, 120, North Bergan, stopping Abe Goldberg, 126, and Mannie Morales, 152, New York, halting Tommy King, 152, Bayonne.

Joey Haddad, 145, Paterson's Southpaw Sailor, floored Mike Bulik, 151, New York Deaf-Mute, in the eighth round as he won a decision in a fast fight. Jose (Mannie) Torres, 123, New York, surprised in outpointing Earl (Pepper) Mintz, 125, Jersey City, and Frankie Bove, 130, Nutley, outpointed George Cooper, 126, New York, in the other eight's. Fred Schott, 206, Paterson, K.O.'d Joe Thomas, 190, Philadelphia, in the second. In the four rounder, Irish Billy McKenzie, 154, got up off the floor to K.O. Lem Hatchett, 159, Bayonne, in the second.

Artie (Shadow) Tedesco, 145, Jersey City Coast Guardsman, outboxed and outpunched Baby (Prillo) Galento, 144, Chicago, to win an easy decision. Rocky Graziano, 149, New York, floored Freddy Graham, 150, Harlem, seven times but had to fight all the way to win the decision. Tommy (Cat) Murray, 136, Boston Irishman, outpointed Milton Bell, 133, Harlem. In eight round bouts. Bayonne scored two victories in the four rounders with Tommy King outpointing Steve Palmer in a battle of southpaws. Both boys' weight was 151. Young Cimmino, 140, outpointed Baby Savalo Zano, 139, New York.

LATE FLASHES—Wild Bill McDowell, 160, Paterson, outpointed Jerry Fiorello, 155, Brooklyn, at Hartford. Tony Riccio, Bayonne, kept his winning streak going by outpointing Harry Gray at Newark. Sammy Stigliano, Hoboken, was outpointed by Jerry Coursol at Elizabeth.

I would like all Northern New Jersey boxers to send me their names and addresses. My name and address is Lewis Eskin, 145 Kensington Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

IN OUR QUESTION BOX
By NAT FLEISCHER

Corporal Joseph V. Manders, Camp Barkeley

Q.—Has Joe Louis defended his title more than all other previous heavyweight champions combined?

A.—No. Louis has the record for individual defense of a title but the combined championship bouts of all previous title holders exceeds Louis' number.

Robert Szymarek, Milwaukee, Wis.

Q.—Did Bob Pastor lose his fight with Billy Conn?

A. Yes. He was knocked out in the thirteenth round.

Bob Sommers, Camp Blanding, Fla.

Q. If a fighter engages in camp boxing tournaments while in the army, will that bar him as an amateur when he is discharged?

A. No. Under a joint ruling of the A.A.U. and the armed forces, all members of the services may compete in boxing at their camp and when they get out of the uniform, they will return to their pre-war status. It will not count against them.

Harold Simpson, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Q.—Who engaged in the last fight in Brooklyn under the Horton Law?

A.—Our records show that Charles Gerard, a bantamweight, who in later years brought out the Zulu Kid, fought Jack Farrel a ten-round draw at Williamsburg. The headliner was to have been between Jack Hanlon and Jack Reisman, but they did not fight.

Arnold Doucas, Boston, Mass.

Q.—How come that a fellow who seems to know boxing, as you do, selected Jack Sharkey as the sixth greatest heavyweight of all time in "Time" Magazine recently, and placed Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis behind him?

A.—Sorry, but I didn't do that. Unfortunately, "Time" Magazine asked for an interview and wrote the story about me, with the choice I had made of the ten outstanding heavyweights since Sullivan's time, and placed Jack Sharkey where I had Tom Sharkey. My selection read:

Jack Johnson, Jim Jeffries, Bob Fitzsimmons, John L. Sullivan, Tom Sharkey, Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, James J. Corbett, Gene Tunney and Tommy Burns. The article had Jack instead of Tom.

Pvt. Irving Shelz, Milwaukee, Wis.

Q.—How many times did Tommy Farr fight Joe Louis? We have had many arguments in my camp about the number of times they met. I say only once. Am I correct?

A.—Yes. They fought only once, August 30, 1937, in New York City, and the bout went the limit of fifteen rounds.

FROM DOWN UNDER

By ROBERT NEISWONGER, JR.
(Special from Australia to "The Ring")

THE month of December provided few thrills in the ring as most of the top-rankers were idle. But as this is being written, a huge tourney is being planned by officials for American and Australian boxers. It will be similar to our Golden Gloves tourneys. There is a lot of good talent down here among the Yanks, such ringsters as Tommy Moyer, Pacific Coast amateur champ; Joey Palmo, Vic Cordova, Tony Surrello and Al Hoosman, who is fighting in good style.

Alabama Kid, who now makes Australia his home, was defeated by Al Hoosman, star U. S. Army heavyweight, in ten rounds. Each received 200 pounds. A return bout is under way.

The Kid, whose real name is Clarence Reeves, has lived here since 1939, and is now working in a war plant. Old age has slowed up the Dover, Ohio, colored middleweight somewhat, but he can still hold his own with the best over here. He figures to give Hoosman a rugged time.

Tod Morgan, veteran lightweight from the States, is coach and trainer of the American team. What Tod doesn't know about the fight game just isn't worth knowing. He's been in and out of the ring for a number of years, but still looks amazingly good. He gave the Australian lightweight champ, Vic Patrick, a good battle last year.

After being floored twelve times in the last four rounds, Al Walker, Australian middleweight, was knocked out in the eighth round by Dal Conway at the Stadium. Walker's display was disappointing. He was warned several times by Referee Pat Hill to make a better fight of it.

In the semi-final, Nircelino Robles, U.S.A., knocked out Davis, Australia, in the third round.

Vic Cordova, 129, U.S. serviceman, atoned for his defeat by the A.I.F. featherweight, Jack Dillion, a few weeks ago, by convincingly outpointing the Aussie over ten rounds at the Stadium. Cordova gained a good grip on the fight in the early rounds by smashing Dillion relentlessly with both hands to win the first six. Dillion, who made a grandstand finish in their last fight to cop the duke, just couldn't get going.

In the other ten-rounder on the double bill, Walter Keene, 142½, U. S. Negro serviceman, was lucky to share in a draw verdict with Sid Gray, 144½, of Australia.

The long-awaited clash between Tommy Burns and Laurie Peterson for the former's state welterweight title has been fixed for December 17 at the Stadium.

Altus Allen, American Negro serviceman, will make his fistic debut on a double-bill show shortly. A smart heavyweight, who has fought main events in Chicago, Altus will meet Bert Atkins, Aussie heavy, who recently gave national lightweight Jack Johnson a good fight, only to lose on points.

George Tracey, U.S. sailor, whose scrapbook shows that he has fought well-known American heavyweights, was introduced at the Stadium recently and wants to fight the rugged Al Hoosman, but it's likely Hoosman's next opponent will be the Alabama Kid again.

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NORFOLK, VA., RING NEWS

By TOMMY GWALTNEY

LAST month's fights at the new Norfolk Auditorium were headlined by the Vinnie Vines-Izzy Jannazzo scrap. The lads fought a fast ten-round draw before 3,500 fans, who turned out for the Knights of Pythias annual boxing show. When the bell for the tenth round ended the scrap, Vines was sporting a cut eye, and Jannazzo had several lumps on his forehead, where his opponent's windmill rights had connected. Vines, 153; Jannazzo, 152¼.

The evening's semi-final stole the show. Big Jim Robinson, 224, got a decision over Felix Del Paolo, 192, Philadelphia, but it was close, and the crowd thought Felix's great comeback earned him at least a draw. Robinson, stationed here in the Coast Guard, started off with a bang. Two trips to the deck in the second round nearly had Del Paolo, but he came out for the third showing a world of fight, slam-banged savagely for the rest of the battle, lost the six-round decision, but won the crowd's popularity. A return match is certainly in the offing.

Other results included:

Sid Silas, 154, Norfolk veteran, T.K.O.'ed Herschel Todd, 160, of Washington, in the second round.

Cpl. Ed Leo, 156, Camp Pendleton, Va., decisioned Jackie Sales, 150, Richmond, in six.

The Virginia A. C., which holds boxing at the same arena on the Friday nights Chris Dundee's "name fighters" don't hold forth, uses mostly service men on its cards, and is developing a lot of ring talent in this sector.

"Lil Piggy" Hutchins, a Richmond, Va., boy, now here in the Navy, is perhaps the most popular fighter to show at the Virginia A. C. Piggy, who captured state novice flyweight laurels in 1941, has grown into a full-fledged welterweight, and has four impressive wins in as many performances to his credit. Hutchins is a deadly puncher and after the war should really go places if he stays in the business. His latest victories are over Paul Millman, co-coach of Camp Pendleton boxers; Joe Orsinno, Fort Monroe welterweight contender; Davie Dubin, outstanding Chicago amateur lightweight of a few seasons back, and Lester Seals, Ohio Golden Gloves champ from Cincinnati.

A heavyweight prospect has been discovered in the person of Don Wagner, 225-pound sailor. Wagner has been to the post only twice in Norfolk, but he has fairly slaughtered both his opponents. Soldier John King, Camp Pendleton, and Frank Swinner of Fort Monroe, folded up after two rounds with the big gob. A native of Oshkosh, Wis., Don has won his last 14 bouts, 12 by the kayo method. Only 19 years of age, he turned down a chance to attend the University of Wisconsin to enter the Navy.

Another battler now serving his country in the Navy, and one who was a nationally known amateur a few years back, is Bobby Burns. Chicago's 1941 Golden Gloves squad had Burns, of Fort Wayne, Ind., for its captain. The light-haired Irishman, then campaigning as a welterweight, was not only a Diamond Belt holder, but winner of the Barney Ross Sportsman Award as well. Now a little heavier than in his mid-west days, Bobby has had only one fight here. He beat Dick Smith, Coast Guard favorite, in a fine scrap last month. Burns' reappearance is hopefully awaited by local fight goers.

Jerry Galvin, assisted by Ensign "Bingo" Stant, ex-collegiate champ at Catholic University, is matchmaker and promoter for the Virginia A. C., and this year's shows have all been crowd pleasers.

Denver, Colo., regards Ruben Shank as its most outstanding gift to the boxing world since Jack Dempsey. Shank made a name for himself before coming East, but once he did make the trip and whipped such topnotchers as Fritzie Zivic and Henry Armstrong, people began to take notice. A kayo at the hands of Ray Robinson in Madison Square Garden set Shank back a bit, and on top of that, Uncle Sam was calling, so Ruben entered the Coast Guard. He was out of ring action for some time, but not long ago received permission to do a little work with the gloves at his home port—Norfolk—and immediately he became a hot local favorite.

The British Royal Navy always has a lot of men in this town, and among them are plenty of boxers, both pro and amateur. Several have shown here in the past months, and although none of them have displayed terrific class, they are always willing, game scrappers.

WRESTLING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By THEODORE YAMACHIKA

PROMOTER AL KARASICK put on his first nocturnal wrestling show at the Auditorium with a large attendance. While night athletic events are no novelty to Honolulans, both night basketball and amateur boxing having enjoyed very successful seasons, this is the first time since the Pearl Harbor blitz that wrestling has been tried under the new schedule.

This arrangement gives the fans a chance to attend football games during the day and still enjoy a fine wrestling show in the evening. One thing has been proven quite definitely. Most football fans are also wrestling fans. Anyway, the first nocturnal wrestling show drew a near capacity gate and the next show two weeks later drew one of the largest crowds of the year. The promoter seems mighty pleased with the new schedule.

A new blond grappler by the name of Axel Madsen, a New Yorker, became the overnight sensation by doing the almost impossible feat of taking the measure of the wild and woolly Bucky O'Neill. Only a few local grapplers have ever been able to gain more than a single fall over badman Bucky and the feat of this newcomer is remarkable because it was done on his very first try. He also displayed a world of skill and speed and introduced quite a number of new holds and won two of his falls with his pet figure four scissors. Axel Madsen is a comer, and make no mistake about that.

Kelly Cox, none other than the brother of Ted (King Kong) Cox, who has shown here a number of times, also made his debut at the same time but he was not as successful. Like brother Ted, Kelly wanted to prove to Leo McAllister that the Coxes are toughies but he went about doing that with so much gusto that he was disqualified before the fans had a good chance to appraise his skill. But he proved something in the short time he showed. He has the makings of a good villain champ. Watch out for Kelly, Badman Joe Mitchell, and all you other badmen.

Local-born grappler Jimmy Gonsalves is slowly working up to the select main event group. At least he is now in the special class and making a good job of it. In his last appearance he gained the winning fall over Joe Mitchell, who is really no slouch. Jimmy is gaining a lot of experience and even now he is a hard man to beat.

A 17-year-old Filipino grappler who calls himself Bolo Bataan is making the Filipino fans forget about Ben Pilar, another Filipino wrestler, who formerly held the Hawaiian title. He is still unbeaten and he keeps on yelling for tougher bouts.

The Filipinos in Hawaii have always been rabid boxing fans, but they have only been lukewarm when it came to wrestling. But now that more Filipinos are taking the mat game seriously the number of Filipino wrestling fans keep on increasing with every show.

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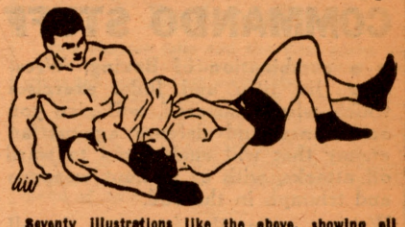

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BOXING NEWS FROM FT. LEONARD WOOD

By SGT. M. MIGDAL

JUST a line thanking you for the letter you sent, telling me that you have placed Capt. Mark of Iceland on your free subscription list. I've received word from him, telling me how much the boys appreciate your doing this. So, on behalf of the boys in Iceland, I want to thank you very much.

When I was in your office recently, you asked me to send in any news on boxing which was of any importance. I noticed in most of your magazines that camps all over the United States receive some mention regarding boxing, and boxers. Therefore, I thought, with your permission, it was time the 75th Division boxers made their bow.

These boys have been putting on some fine shows, giving it all they've got, which is plenty.

The two outstanding boys on the team are Pablo Ortiz, walloping welter from California, who is the brother of Manuel Ortiz, world's bantamweight champ. This kid is a quick change artist, who can fight just as good as a southpaw as he can the orthodox way. He's a fair boxer, but seems to have inherited his brother's rough-and-tumble tactics.

I've been working with him since I've been here and I finally made him realize that body punching can win fights, too. In his last four fights, he won three decisions and one K.O. with a left hook to the mid-section. On the Joe Louis card, he won a decision from flashy Lenny Sergeant, a good boxer, in a good bout.

The other is Jole Jocovo, lightweight, from California, who is by far the best looking boxer on the division's team. This boy has a good sock in either hand and is a very smart boxer. He is also one of my boys. He won his last five fights. On the Louis card, he decisioned Johnny Russell, a rugged colored boy, who proved to be tough, even in losing. Jocovo did not have much experience before he came into the Army, but expects to make fighting his business after the war is won.

Another good looking prospect is Ken Scarse, a middleweight from California. He had 38 amateur fights previous to his entry into the armed forces. He won four of his last five fights, losing a decision to Lou Seprodi, a pretty good fighter. He defeated Allen (Sonny) Hope on the Louis card in a tough fight. Hope is a Florida Golden Gloves champ.

The toughest man on the team is light-heavyweight Bob Wittman, who with more experience will slug it out with the best of them. This fellow knew nothing when he started. However, he learns fast, and has won four out of his last five fights, the fifth being a draw. He beat Joe Vaughn, a good colored boy on the Louis show.

These boys are all young and will bear watching. They intend to carry on in the ring after the war.

Boxing on the Post, in the Division, is supervised by Maj. Armstrong, Special Service Officer, who is very ably assisted by Lt. Marino. I've been working as referee and second. I enjoy doing this very much since I love the boxing game.

That's about all for now. Thanks for taking time to read my letter.

FORT BENNING BOXING NEWS AND VICINITY

By SGT. VIC EPHREM

MEETING death in line of duty . . . . Three former University of Florida boxers accepted the last call but not before giving the enemy a big dose of medicine by which the foe could remember these sturdy Americans. The fallen heroes were outstanding in boxing. Their coach was Carlos Proctor who is now an officer at a Florida naval station. Two more linked up in the big battle are casualties, one reported missing in action, and the other a prisoner of the Japs in the battle of Bataan. Larry Simmons is the prisoner and the missing one is Harry Keel. The boys who are gone are, Bill Meggs, Buddy Thompson and Gordon Gardner. Keel was at Midway.

Buddy Rose who campaigned exclusively in Florida is back in the States and now at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Buddy is hoping to get back into fistic action.

Fort Sheridan's post boxing coach, Hank Melody, is a daddy of a 7½ pound daughter.

Recognition should be accorded Soldier Tommy Gomez, the Tampa sleep producer, who not only possesses a very good record but finds same studded with knockouts. Tommy's latest achievements in scoring stoppers over Tony Musto in one, and Buddy Knox in five, cannot be overlooked by the ratings. He should be among THE RING's big ten.

Lenny Cohen is fighting against Germany for the second time. He first appeared as a member of Chicago's Golden Gloves team who met the German boxers in 1932. Now in the fight that means more than anything Lenny is a boxing instructor at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Baseball's Ted Williams, batting champ and home run king for the past two seasons 1941-'42, is handy not only with the old stick but can show you a thing or two with the boxing gloves. While in training at Chapel Hill's Naval Preflight school Ted and Alfred Wolff, head boxing coach, were donning the gloves with regularity.

Joe Walker, former boxing supervisor at the Chicago Navy Pier, is on duty with the Third Naval District in the role of welfare and recreational officer. He may be supplanted at the Chicago position by Peter Phillipe, former C.Y.O. boxer, now at the Pier.

Glenview's Air Station (Navy), has boxing members in Chuck Kocurek, heavyweight; Ralph Di Batista, 175; Pete Scalia and Bill Burns, 174 pounders; Jimmy Miller, 135; Jimmy Warner, 126; and Ken Gaby, 118.

Eight naval cadets from seven states captured boxing championships at Chapel Hill. Pennsylvania led with two of the titles, with D. P. Grau, 145, and J. J. Zayak, 158, doing the capturing. Grau is from Erie and Zayak from Brownsville. Other winners are: D. E. Kee, Woburn, Mass., 135; G. K. Roper, 151, Richmond, Va.; A. P. Carstensen, 165, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; B. B. Tufts, 175, Wilmington, Del.; V. A. Norris, heavyweight, Kearney, N. J.; and K. C. Payne, 140, Clendenin, W. Va.

Facing the Madison A. C. of Chicago in the latter's West Side arena, the Fort Custer boxing team got an even break with Chicago lads in an eight bout program. Custer's light-heavyweight, Joe O'Donnell, surprised in winning over the favored Charley Kucharz, who was out for his eighth straight victory. In other bouts: Larry Acquisanto, Fort Custer, beat Mike Gordon; William Johnston, Fort Custer, defeated Lofton Mitchell; Oscar Hodnett, Fort Custer, got the nod over Woodward Wells; Caesar Cooper, Madison A. C., decisioned Al Salas; Tommy Reed, Madison A. C., copped from Ted Varnadoe; William Moore, Madison A. C., won over Nello Sanso and James Arnold, Madison A. C., claimed over Harry White. All were three rounders.

Now that the holidays are over I trust everyone had a special prayer for our grand boys scattered all over the globe. Next time these same holidays roll by I'll spot anybody 50 to 1 that your boy or pal will be celebrating them at the family table. Let's all continue our prayers for them all.

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SHEPPARD FIELD CADETS RATE JACK DEMPSEY THE BEST

By PVT. HOWARD L. GREEN

EVEN the sands of time fail to remove the lustre from Jack Dempsey's spectacular career as a fighting man. More than two score years have passed since he was at the peak, so to speak, but the "Manassa Mauler" remains the idol of millions.

A strong testimony in behalf of his fistic immortality comes from a poll of pre-cadets in the Sheppard Field Basic Training Center No. 3. By overwhelming vote, they select him the greatest heavyweight champion of all time. Few remember even his second tussle with Tunney and they know him only through the fabulous tales which grow with the years, but to many young soldiers only William Harrison (Jack) Dempsey deserves to be called "champeen."

Joe Louis' record has been more impressive they admit, but he competed "with a poor crop of heavies." Dempsey fought, they point out, in a golden era when mittmen extraordinary came for the proverbial dime a dozen.

Some of the rookies, perhaps because of the movie starring Errol Flynn which depicted Jim Corbett's career, pick "Gentleman Jim." He is singled out as the most scientific of them all. He met more masters than anybody, with the possible exception of Fitzsimmons. Under the present 15 round limit, he might have been invincible, and both Louis and Dempsey could have been comparatively easy victims.

Of course, the much-discussed Louis-Dempsey or Dempsey-Corbett bouts are impossibilities, and down through the ages arguments will continue to sizzle over the comparative abilities of champions of a different era, just as they do around the barracks during these war-worn days. Nobody could say who is or was the best, but the pre-cadets here believe in Dempsey. To them, he is still the "Manassa Mauler, King of Champions."

A heavyweight find may have been uncovered from a recent tournament here. He is Ernie Picknett, a barrel-shaped walloper from the saw mill swamps of Mississippi. He scored three straight one-round kayoes to wrap up his title.

ARMY BOXERS HELP KEEP SPORT ALIVE IN NORTHWEST

By PFC. JOE CORDOVA

BOXING in northern California is a great thing for the servicemen as well as the civilians.

Regular boxing cards featuring service boxers are bringing out talent never before realized. The California sun is "hatching out," so to speak, boys who never had boxed before into suitable ring prospects, through shows staged in northern California. Cities like Stockton, Fresno, Merced, Vallejo, Oakland, San Rafael, Marysville, and San Francisco are doing their part in running these regular shows, especially during War Bond drives.

Already mentioned in a previous RING write-up as a fine prospect was Roy Hawkins, Hammer Field heavyweight star, but now of Camp Davis, California. The two outstanding boxers here besides a fair amateur puncher are:

Cpl. Buddy Gomer. He is six feet tall, weighs around 175 pounds. Hails from St. Paul, Minn. Is a former Mississippi Valley A.A.U. middleweight champ. Had 50 amateur fights and has had 33 bouts since turning pro in 1939. He lost four fights by decision as an amateur, lost two decisions and had four draws since turning pro. He is 23 years old and may yet grow into a heavyweight. Since joining the colors he has had ten fights, winning all but one, a decision loss to tough Dave Jiminez as a middleweight. Since then, as a light-heavy, he has been undefeated.

Pfc. Eddie Fadda, who hails from Oakland, Calif., is another fine boxer. He is 5 feet 10½ inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. He is 25 years old and of Polish-Italian blood. He won the Oakland Diamond Belt middleweight title, then embarked on a very successful pro career.

He won most of his fights by knockouts and never was stopped. Fadda has had 14 pro bouts.

Pfc. Joe Martin, 20 years old, 5 feet 7 inches, and 135 pounds, is a lightweight from San Antonio, Tex., who is making good. He was runner-up in Camp Kohler's boxing tournament in the novice lightweight class.

Coach Schall is proud of his three best boys, as they will more than hold their own with other service boxers here in northern California. Gomer has proved that. There isn't anything left for Schall to teach Fadda or Gomer, except that bag-punching skill, but he has others not so far advanced that he is nursing along into fine young athletes.

Pfc. Ed Tinsill, a good 24-year-old pro welterweight out of Los Angeles, who stands 5 feet 10 inches, may soon be back in harness. At any rate, Camp Davis hopes to back the handsome Fadda and Gomer with a strong aggregation of well-trained and willing boxers. Fadda recently easily whipped Sgt. Tom Murray, 185, in the main event here at Davis, Nov. 12.

MAXWELL FIELD REPORTS

BOXING plays a great part in the physical conditioning of the thousands of aviation cadets in the Army Air Forces Training Command. All cadets, including those training at Maxwell Field, are encouraged to punch the bag in their daily training sessions. It's a frequent sight, too, to see officers donning the gloves during their physical education periods.

Lt. Frank L. Scott, the athletic director, who hails from Ann Arbor, Mich., and Lt. William G. Backus of Wilmington, Del., who is in charge of intramural and interpost athletic activities, are both great boxing enthusiasts.

Boxing will have a busy schedule here this winter under the wise handling of Sgt. Petey Sarron, former world's featherweight champion, who hails originally from nearby Birmingham.

Sarron's wisdom in boxing affairs has proved an inspiration to hundreds of enlisted men, who like to hear of his many battles around the world, including memorable fights in Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, England, France and the West Indies. Petey fought them all under the management of Jimmy Erwin.

Pete defeated Freddy Miller for the feather title in 1936 at Griffith Stadium, Washington.

Among his many vivid memories are the thrill of fighting for the Olympic title in Paris in 1924 against Fidel LaBarba; his trip to Australia with Meyer Grace, Claude Wilson and Bobby LaSalle; the hospitality of New Zealand fans; his winning fight over Freddy Miller in Johannesburg, South Africa, and countless others. He lost his last bout to Sammy Angott in Pittsburgh in 1939.

Sarron joined the National Guard the day before it was mobilized in November, 1940. He was released because of the 28-year age limit then in force, remained out for nine months and was called back into the infantry at Camp Blanding. He also served at Bowie, Texas, and Fort Sam Houston before being transferred to the air forces.

After the war he plans to return to Birmingham, where he now runs a health club. Pete is excited these days. Soon he will welcome a new addition to the family.

Sarron has many good prospects in the intramural program at Maxwell. They include Pvt. Julius Wszolek of Trenton, N. J., who was Scott Field bantamweight champion and who received his first training under "Evil Eye" Finkle, the hexer. Pvt. Charles Heberling, California heavyweight, has turned from weight lifting, and looks good in practice sessions.

Sarron predicts big things for Pvt. Elkin Kay, a Georgia bantam with a mighty right. Cpl. Lee Baker, Portsmouth, Va., welterweight, who won the Army Emergency Relief Show title at Gunter Field, is also on the team. His mates include Sgt. William Grace, Arkansas middleweight; Cpl. Tony Forte, who was a semi-finalist in the Philadelphia *Inquirer* Golden Gloves before entering the service, and Cpl. Lemuel C. Squirrel of Oklahoma, who held the featherweight title in the Golden Gloves at Emporia, Kansas, and who boxed at the Indian School, Haskell Junior College, winning 33 fights.

SHOEMAKER SALTS STAGE SLUGFEST

By LT. V. DE P. FARRELL
USNR Physical Training Officer

BOXING is taking its place among the leading athletic activities conducted at the Naval Receiving Barracks at Shoemaker. When a recent questionnaire in sports was sent out to find the desires of the "Smacking" salts, boxing ranked among the first 10 of 65 activities selected by the tars in training and tied swimming for first place in individual sport skills. Proving that "lowering the boom" is still a nautical pastime.

Because of these findings, a program was organized with Leonard Marshall, S/2c, Chicago Negro heavyweight and former sparring partner of Joe Louis; Jack Woffard, Sp/1c, leading West Coast heavyweight; Joe Burnell, Sp/1c, crack Coast boxer of a decade ago, and Curley Hughes, Sp/1c, West Virginia University star, in charge of instruction.

Lesson plans and drills were drawn up by Lt. Vinnie Farrell, former Panzer College athlete and secretary of the New Jersey A.A.U. boxing committee for five years, from drills by Anthony L. (K.O.) Brown, instructor at Panzer College and well-known New Jersey referee.

The results of the most recent tournament were:

D. M. Kirkland, 145 pounds, from Tennessee, won by a T.K.O. over Bob Southand, Ohio.

Kid Kallas, 187, from Chicago, lost to the hard-hitting Kid Monnahan, 185 pounds, Brooklyn, by the T.K.O. route.

Dan Cox, 135 pounds, Frankford, Ill., T.K.O.'ed Frank Hughes, 145 pounds, from Muskogee, Okla.

Carl Jenkens, 153 pounds, New Haven, Conn., and James Jackson, 160 pounds, Pittsburgh, Pa., fought to a draw.

In the featherweight division, the scrappy Pete Right, 126 pounds, claiming Uniontown, Pa., as his home, fought twice on the program. He won by a T.K.O. over Lloyd Carter, 128-pounder from Hickensburg, Ariz., and drew with J. V. Carabillo, 125 pounds, Laurel, L. I.

Matt Jimenez, Hayward, who is stationed here, was the master-at-arms for the fights. Matt is a Golden Gloves prospect and plans to enter the amateur events soon.

PERSIAN GULF SERVICE COMMAND BOXING SHOW

By EDDIE FLORES

THE Persian Gulf Service Command boxers were entered in the finals of the USAFIMA boxing tournament staged in Cairo and did excellent work. Several boxers came from the New York district. They scored nine victories in the semi-finals. The full results of the finals could not be learned on time to make this edition, but here are the boys who won places in the Cairo tournament:

Carmasino, flyweight; Vaughn, bantamweight; Spraggin, featherweight; Campbell, lightweight; Williams, middleweight; Augusta, light-heavyweight; McMullen and Geldernick, senior heavyweight; Ivins, heavyweight.

Campbell had rough going to reach the finals, with a smaller, light opponent giving him trouble. Campbell finally solved the little man's style in the second round and squeezed through to win.

McMullen kayoed Al Bronner, Delta Service Command southpaw, in 1:40 of the first round. Bronner was doing all right until he ducked into a looping right and his knees buckled. McMullen hit him again on the way down to make it stick.

Bobby Chiusano and Herbie Abrahams, both of New York, were among the winners, the only boys from the Egyptian side to carry off honors. All other bouts were won by the visitors from the Persian side. Abrahams is a Negro who lives in upper Harlem. He has won 20 bouts to date and lost two, though he never had a glove on before joining the army. Pvt. Joe Purri, former jockey, lost to George Spraggin in a bout of many knockdowns.

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GOSSIP FROM NEW ORLEANS

By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

NEW ORLEANS enjoyed one of the most prosperous fistic years in over a decade during 1943. Thanks to Lew Raymond, the dean of American matchmakers!

With Promoter Hypolite Guinle, well-known local sportsman and owner of the famous Door Cafe in the heart of the historic Vieux Carre section, as his financial backer, Raymond staged the first world's championship battle in 26 years between Jackie Callura and Phil Terranova.

Callura lost his N.B.A. title in eight rounds via the knockout route. The battle netted a gate of over $18,000 and the fight was a hectic one with Callura in front by a slight edge at the time of the knockout.

Terranova had previously knocked out Callura in four rounds of a non title bout at Hartford, Conn.

Guinle and Raymond closed the 1943 fistic season with a return match between Jackie and Phil slated for 15 rounds on Dec. 27.

Pete Herman, twice former world's bantamweight champion, now totally blind, who won the bantam title from "Kid" Williams, the Baltimore, Md., "Wolf Boy" in a 20-round decision bout here January 9, 1917, was introduced from the ring at the Callura-Terranova bout and received a thundering ovation from the 10,000 fans at the Pelican Stadium.

The Service Men's Athletic Equipment Fund received a check for $1800 from the Callura-Terranova fight.

Izzy Mattes, chairman of the Louisiana Athletic Commission, insisted on both fighters agreeing to give ten percent of the net gate to the fund. Mattes mailed the check to Abe J. Greene, N.B.A. president.

To Herman Mattes and his fellow commissioners, Robert Heim and Tom Littleton, much praise is due for the revival of boxing here along with promoters Guinle and Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond.

Promoter Louis Messina, who stages the fights for Negroes, is a newcomer to the game, but has guaranteed topnotchers and brought the colored game back on a high pedestal. The local Italian promoter showed stars like Bob Montgomery and Chalky Wright, Lloyd Marshall, Charley Burley, Louis "Kid" Cocoa and other good colored fighters here.

He drew gates of over $5,000 with Bob Montgomery and Al Reasoner and Chalky Wright and Al Reasoner.

Not since the days when Joe Mandot, the French market "Baker Boy" and Pal Moran and Eddie Coulon, Pete Herman and Harry Weekly were the outstanding favorites here, has a young fighter captured the fancy of the gallery gods like Bernard Docusen, local Filipino.

Docusen won the 1942 national A.A.U. bantamweight title. He turned professional early this year and has been undefeated so far. He is managed by Whitey Esnault and this writer. Docusen is a 126-pounder and bids fair to follow in the footsteps of Herman, Mandot, Coulon, Weekly and Moran.

Guy Serean, the Nampa, Idaho, lightweight, who married a local girl and has been living here the past two years, joined the U. S. Army on December 11. Serean was a typical club fighter and gave the fans action.

Here and there in the Crescent City—Marty Burke, the old heavyweight, has one of the livest night spots in the French quarters. Marty stages wrestling shows twice monthly. Cliff Abbo, nationally known race track judge and leading sports publicity man, is associated with Burke in his mat shows. Abbo is a local boy and wintering here. Many of the boys on the sports staff of local papers are in the service. Overseas are Pete Hearty, who was Fred Digby's ace for years. Stanford Opotowsky, who was on the *Times-Picayune* sports page is also overseas. "Wild" Bill Bruning, Frank Norman and Howard Jacobs of the *Times-Picayune* are in the service.

Pal Moran, who will be remembered by the fans of the old Madison Square Garden days for his fights with Charley White, Lew Tendler, Johnny Dundee and Willie Jackson, beat the tuberculosis rap after a valiant fight and is working at the Fair Grounds race track as a seller. Harry Carter, New Orleans lightweight, whom Scotty Monteith and Leo P. Flynn managed, also is behind the track cage. Al Pettingill, the New Orleans bantam, who fought Eddie "Cannonball" Martin at the Old Pioneer Club, is running a cafe and dance hall. "Red" Dolan, whom New York fans will remember as a great lightweight, is one of the ace detectives for Chief George Reyer's police department.

Arthur Marullo, who managed his son, Tony Marullo, is a captain of police here. Artie Simons, who fought as a bantam under Billy Gibson's management, weighs over 200 pounds and has a profitable saloon in the Vieux Carre. Richard T. (Dick) Burke, the first man to be president of the N.B.A. twice, is in business here and a great fight fan. Lenny Elmer, who has served on numerous former commissions, is in the candy business and making plenty of sugar. Harold Buckley, press agent who was recently released from the Army, is in a shipyard. Buckley was at one time THE RING correspondent and clerk for the boxing commission. Ike Morales, another former commission clerk and boxing publicity man, is doing the police reporting for a local paper. Sgt. "Mad" Anthony Jones, Chicago, Ill., colored middleweight, who is stationed at the Tuskegee Air Field, Ala., is a crowd pleaser. He is managed by Eddie Rochester Anderson.

Al Reasoner, Hines, Ill., Negro lightweight, managed by Iver Hanson, concessionaire at the Veteran's Hospital, Hines, Ill., is a favorite here. Larry Amadee, the famous colored trainer, who handled Beau Jack for his 15-round victory over Bob Montgomery, is a New Orleans product. Amadee handles Al Gomez, young Chicago, Ill., Negro lightweight.

Next month we will give you more live dope. Fighters and managers wishing information on local activities can secure same by addressing the writer as follows: Broadway Johnny Cox, DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La. Fighters without managers seeking work here can be placed in bouts at once.

My ratings for this section follow:—

Featherweights—Bernard Docusen, Jackie Allen, Prince Farley, George Murla.

Lightweights—Herbie Lockwood, Guy Serean, Gene Smith, Sgt. Ed Perry.

Welterweights—Cosby Linson, Jerome Conforto, Joe Conforto, Johnny Monroe.

Middleweights—Sgt. "Mad" Anthony Jones, Henry Deubler, the original P. G. Carson, Henry Hall.

Heavyweights—Sgt. Tommy Gomez, Buddy Scott, Jack Marshall, Elmer Ray, Moise Howard.

SOUTHERN BOXING FLASHES

By CLYDE SMITH

BEAUMONT, TEXAS—Buddy Scott, 185, of Dallas, heavyweight champion of Texas, knocked out Jim Bowden, 200, Pittsburgh, Pa., (4), scheduled 10-round bout.

Proctor Heinold, 134, Oklahoma City, knocked out Bascom Stiles, 135, Dallas, (4), scheduled 6-round bout.

Bill Dillard, 148, Dallas, knocked out Lee Taylor, 147, New Orleans, (1).

Wildcat Wyatt, 175, Orange, knocked out Kid McCormick, 176, Beaumont, (2).

Eddie Henderson, 135, Dallas, won over Gene Underwood, 140, New Orleans, (4).

Hot Springs, Ark.—Oscar "Midnight" Bell, 171, Portland, Ore., Negro, scored a 10-round decision over Earl Washington, 178, Dallas, Tex., Negro, in the season's boxing opener.

Chuck Benson, 168, Jal, N. Mex., knocked out Lee Taylor, 150, New Orleans, (5), scheduled 6-round bout.

Arthur Pennington, 172, Hot Springs, won a T.K.O. over H. T. Jackson, 162, Hot Springs, (2).

James Reynolds, 135, Hot Springs, won over Nat Perkins, 138, Hot Springs, (4).

Clifton Sexton, 158, knocked out Billy Tom Alford, 154, (2).

New Orleans, La.—Augie Lapara, Our Lady of Sacred Heart, New Orleans, won over Jack Graves of Austin, Minn., (4). Bantamweights.

Chalky Wright, 131, knocked out Al Reasoner, 133, (2), scheduled 10-rounder.

Keesler Field—Pvt. Dominic Foglietta of Philadelphia, won over Pvt. Don Shrader, Gary, Ind. (3). Welterweights.

Pvt. Geo. Pays, Oakland, Calif., and Cpl. Bo Montebana, Birmingham, Ala., boxed a 4-round draw. Lightweights.

Pvt. Lavelle Perkins, Vicksburg, Miss., won over Pvt. Rinker, Indiana, (3). Middleweights.

Pvt. Harold Newman, 201, Birmingham, Ala., won over Pvt. Tom Papas, 198, Indiana.

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